

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-**

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Add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. 11. PRIORITIZING THE PROVISION OF AUDIO-ONLY**  
2 **TELEHEALTH SERVICES UNDER MEDICARE;**  
3 **PREVENTING FRAUD WITH RESPECT TO**  
4 **AUDIO-ONLY TELEHEALTH SERVICES UNDER**  
5 **MEDICARE.**

6 (a) PRIORITIZING THE USE OF AUDIO-ONLY TELE-  
7 HEALTH SERVICES IN EXISTING TREATMENT RELATION-  
8 SHIP.—Beginning on the date of enactment of this section,  
9 the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall estab-  
10 lish standards that prioritize the use of audio-only tele-  
11 health services under the Medicare program under title  
12 XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to furnishing  
13 care to an individual in the case that such individual has  
14 previously been examined in-person or by video by the  
15 same physician (as defined in section 1861(r) of such Act  
16 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(r))) furnishing such audio-only tele-  
17 health service.

18 (b) PREVENTING FRAUD IN THE PROVISION OF  
19 AUDIO-ONLY TELEHEALTH SERVICES.—The Secretary of

- 1 Health and Human Services shall establish policies and
- 2 procedures to prevent fraud with respect to audio-only
- 3 telehealth services.

