

**AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116–41
OFFERED BY MRS. AXNE OF IOWA**

Add at the end of the bill the following new section
(and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 812. REQUIREMENT FOR QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS**
2 **TO HAVE IN PLACE A PROCESS TO REMOVE**
3 **FROM PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE PROVIDER DI-**
4 **RECTORIES OF SUCH PLANS PROVIDERS**
5 **THAT ARE NO LONGER WITHIN THE NET-**
6 **WORK OF SUCH PLANS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1311(c) of the Patient
8 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18031(c))
9 is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1)(B)—

11 (A) by striking “and provide” and insert-
12 ing “, provide”; and

13 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at
14 the end the following: “, and have in place the
15 process described in paragraph (7) to remove
16 from any publicly accessible provider directory
17 of such plan providers that are no longer within
18 the network of such plan”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “(7) PROCESS TO REMOVE FROM PUBLICLY AC-
4 CESSIBLE PROVIDER DIRECTORIES PROVIDERS THAT
5 ARE NO LONGER IN-NETWORK.—For purposes of
6 paragraph (1)(B), the process described in this para-
7 graph, with respect to a qualified health plan, is a
8 process through which such plan does the following
9 with respect to each provider listed in a publicly ac-
10 cessible provider directory of such plan that does not
11 submit any claims to such plan for at least a six-
12 month period in a calendar year:

13 “(A) Sends an inquiry to such provider re-
14 quiring such provider to verify, not later than
15 the date that is 30 days after such plan sends
16 such inquiry, whether such provider is still a
17 provider within the network of such plan.

18 “(B) In the case that such plan—

19 “(i) receives a response to such in-
20 quiry by the date described in subpara-
21 graph (A) that such provider is no longer
22 a provider within the network of such plan,
23 removes such provider from such publicly
24 accessible provider directory; or

1 “(ii) does not receive any response to
2 such inquiry by such date—

3 “(I) sends a subsequent inquiry
4 described in such subparagraph to
5 such provider; and

6 “(II) removes such provider from
7 such publicly accessible provider direc-
8 tory if such provider either submits to
9 such plan, not later than the date that
10 is 30 days after such plan sends such
11 subsequent inquiry, a response de-
12 scribed in clause (i), or does not re-
13 spond to such subsequent inquiry by
14 such date.”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to plan years begin-
17 ning on or after January 1, 2021.

