AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-2
OFFERED BY MISS GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN OF PUERTO RICO

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) Section 1853(n) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–23(n)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “subsequent year” and inserting “subsequent year, subject to paragraph (6),”; and

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

“(6) AVERAGE GEOGRAPHIC ADJUSTMENT FLOOR.—For each of 2020, 2021, and 2022, when calculating the adjusted average per capita cost under section 1876(a)(4) for the purposes of establishing the base payment amount specified in paragraph (2)(E), the average geographic adjustment shall not be less than 0.70 for any area. For purposes of the previous sentence, the Secretary may define the term ‘average geographic adjustment’ by program instruction or otherwise.”.
(b) Section 1854(a)(6) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–24(a)(6)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) STRENGTHENING SUPPORT TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN PUERTO RICO.—With respect to plans serving areas in Puerto Rico, of the increase in blended benchmark amount attributable to section 1853(n)(6), no less than 50 percent is directed toward provider compensation.”.