

AMENDMENT TO RULES
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At the end of title VIII, add the following new section (and update the table of sections accordingly):

1 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE IMPACT**
2 **OF THE HIGH COST OF PRESCRIPTION**
3 **DRUGS ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND**
4 **PERSONS LIVING IN RURAL OR SPARSELY**
5 **POPULATED AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

6 It is the sense of the Congress that—

7 (1) the United States has the highest drug
8 prices in the world and for millions of Americans the
9 cost of prescription drugs is increasing as a barrier
10 to proper disease treatment, especially for commu-
11 nities of color and for persons living in rural or
12 sparsely populated areas of the nation;

13 (2) the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
14 Act (Public Law 111-148) substantially reduced the
15 number of uninsured Americans, but over 28 million
16 Americans remain without insurance and approxi-
17 mately 55 percent of uninsured Americans under the
18 age of 65 are persons of color;

1 (3) without health insurance, paying retail
2 prices for medications is invariably burdensome or
3 financially impossible;

4 (4) the median net worth of Caucasian house-
5 holds in 2016 was 9.7 times higher than African-
6 American households and 8.3 times higher than His-
7 panic households, which contributes to disparities in
8 negative health consequences, including for example
9 the underuse of insulin among insured adults with
10 diabetes; and

11 (5) due to the high cost of prescription drugs
12 to communities of color and for persons living in
13 rural or sparsely populated areas of the nation, this
14 Act should positively impact such communities and
15 persons (and the Secretaries of Health and Human
16 Services, Labor, and Treasury should monitor such
17 impact).

