

AMENDMENT
OFFERED BY MR. CLOUD OF TEXAS

Add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. _____. REQUIRING EQUIVALENT REIMBURSEMENT**
2 **RATES FOR IN-NETWORK AND OUT-OF-NET-**
3 **WORK PROVIDERS.**

4 Subpart II of part A of title XXVII of the Public
5 Health Service Act is amended by adding at the end the
6 following new section:

7 **“SEC. 2730. REQUIRING EQUIVALENT REIMBURSEMENT**
8 **RATES FOR IN-NETWORK AND OUT-OF-NET-**
9 **WORK PROVIDERS.**

10 “A group health plan and a health insurance issuer
11 offering group or individual health insurance coverage—

12 “(1) may not restrict the ability of participating
13 providers to furnish items or services to individuals
14 who are not enrolled in the plan or coverage; and

15 “(2) in the case that a nonparticipating pro-
16 vider furnishes items or services for which benefits
17 are provided under the plan or coverage to an indi-
18 vidual enrolled in the plan or coverage, shall pay
19 such provider with respect to such items or services
20 in an amount that is not less than the amount that

1 the plan or issuer would have paid if such items or
2 services had been furnished by a participating pro-
3 vider.”.

