

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-59
OFFERED BY MR. ARRINGTON OF TEXAS

Page 5, line 3, strike “Section 1834(m)(9)” and insert “(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(m)(9)”.

Page 5, after line 19, insert the following:

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health
3 and Human Services shall conduct a study, and submit
4 to Congress a report—

5 (1) on the volume of claims under the Medicare
6 program for telehealth services that are furnished
7 via an audio-only communications system and the
8 percentage of such claims that resulted in a pre-
9 scription for durable medical equipment; and

10 (2) that assesses medical necessity of such
11 claims that resulted in such a prescription.

12 (c) OIG INVESTIGATION.—The Inspector General of
13 the Department of Health and Human Services shall con-
14 duct an investigation of all claims described in subsection
15 (b)(1) that resulted in a prescription for durable medical
16 equipment and that are identified pursuant to the report

1 submitted under subsection (b) as not being medically nec-
2 essary. Based on such investigation, the Inspector General
3 shall submit recommendations to the Centers for Medicare
4 & Medicaid Services on how to identify and address fraud-
5 ulent claims under the Medicare program for telehealth
6 services that are furnished via an audio-only communica-
7 tions system and result in a prescription for durable med-
8 ical equipment.

