

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2506
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Seniors’ Health Care
3 Plan Protection Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. DELAY IN AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE CONTRACTS**
5 **FOR MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS FAILING**
6 **TO ACHIEVE MINIMUM QUALITY RATINGS.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Consistent with the studies provided under the IMPACT Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–185), it is the intent of Congress—

(1) to continue to study and request input on the effects of socioeconomic status and dual-eligible populations on the Medicare Advantage STARS rating system before reforming such system with the input of stakeholders; and

(2) pending the results of such studies and input, to provide for a temporary delay in authority of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to terminate Medicare Advantage plan con-

1 tracts solely on the basis of performance of plans
2 under the STARS rating system.

3 (b) DELAY IN MA CONTRACT TERMINATION AU-
4 THORITY FOR PLANS FAILING TO ACHIEVE MINIMUM
5 QUALITY RATINGS.—Section 1857(h) of the Social Secu-
6 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–27(h)) is amended by adding
7 at the end the following new paragraph:

8 “(3) DELAY IN CONTRACT TERMINATION AU-
9 THORITY FOR PLANS FAILING TO ACHIEVE MINIMUM
10 QUALITY RATING.—The Secretary may not termi-
11 nate a contract under this section with respect to
12 the offering of an MA plan by a Medicare Advantage
13 organization solely because the MA plan has failed
14 to achieve a minimum quality rating under the 5-
15 star rating system established under section 1853(o)
16 during the period beginning on the date of the en-
17 actment of this paragraph and through the end of
18 plan year 2018.”.

