

**Explanation of Changes Reflected in the Chairman's
Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to
H.R. 3514, *Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care***

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The Chairman's amendment in the nature of a substitute includes the following changes to H.R. 3514 as introduced:

1. On page 2, line 13, strike "Medicare Advantage" and insert "MA."
2. On page 2, line 17, after "year," insert "beginning on or after January 1, 2029."
3. On page 2, line 18, after "(A)," strike "beginning with plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2028."
4. On page 3, line 19, strike "Medicare Advantage plan" and insert "MA plan and a plan year."
5. On page 3, line 22, after "information," insert "with respect to such plan year."
6. On page 4, line 1, after "plan," insert "during the previous plan year."
7. On page 4, line 5, strike "during the previous plan year."
8. On page 4, line 15, strike "during the previous plan year."
9. On page 4, line 18, after "The," insert "percentage and."
10. On page 6, line 24, after "plan," insert "and broken out by such requests that were expedited determinations (as described in subsection (g)(3)) and such requests that were not expedited determinations."
11. On page 7, line 1, after "(VII)," insert "The average and the median amount of time (in hours) that elapsed between the submission of a prior authorization request to the plan that is subsequently appealed and a final determination on such appeals with respect to such request for each item and service, excluding any such requests that were not submitted with the medical or other documentation required to be submitted by the plan."
12. On page 7, line 4, after "(VI)," insert "and the percentage and number of specified requests that were excluded from the calculation described in subclause (VII)."
13. On page 7, line 9, insert Strike "(XIII) Information on each occurrence during the previous plan year" and insert "(IX) The percentage and number of occasions."
14. On page 9, line 7, insert "such" before "criteria" and strike "used by the plan for making determinations with respect to prior authorization requests for an item or service."
15. On page 9, line 16, strike "Medicare Advantage" and insert "MA."
16. On page 9, line 20, strike "during the preceding plan year."
17. On page 9, line 23, strike "such" and, after "individuals," insert "requesting to receive such item or service."
18. On page 10, line 3, strike "Medicare Advantage" and insert "MA."
19. On page 10, line 6, strike "of services"
20. On page 11, line 8, strike "Medicare Advantage" and insert "MA."
21. On page 11, line 15, strike "(1)(A)(ii)" and insert "(1)(C)"
22. On page 11, line 16, strike "Medicare Advantage" and insert "MA."
23. On page 12, line 12: strike "from enrollees and from providers and suppliers with such contracts in effect" and insert "from physicians who meet such criteria as may be specified by the Secretary and other stakeholders (including enrollees and providers and suppliers with such contracts in effect)"
24. On page 12, line 20, strike "Medicare Advantage" and insert "MA."
25. On page 13, line 5, strike "Medicare Advantage" and insert "MA."
26. On page 13, line 8, strike "the end of the fifth plan year beginning after the date of enactment of this subsection, and biennially thereafter through the date that is 10 years after such date of

enactment” and insert “Not later than December 31, 2030, and again not later than every 2 years thereafter (through December 31, 2034).”

27. On page 13, line 15, strike “during” and insert “with respect to–.”
28. On page 13, line 17, after “report,” strike “the fourth plan year beginning after the date of enactment of this subsection,” and insert “plan year 2029.”
29. On page 13, line 24, strike “2028” and insert “2030.”
30. On page 14, line 16, after “(2),” insert (which the Secretary may, if determined appropriate by the Secretary, require to be implemented by MA plans as part of such program pursuant to subsection (g)).”
31. On page 15, line 2, strike “this part” and insert “the original medicare fee-for-service program under parts A and B.”
32. On page 15, line 7, strike “Medicare Advantage” and insert “MA.”
33. On page 15, line 18, strike “Medicare Advantage” and insert “MA.”
34. On page 15, line 23, Strike (b) and insert “(b) TIMELY RESPONSES.–Section 1852(g)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-22(g)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting “(which may include timelines for such determinations of 7 days or fewer, if determined practicable by the Secretary” after “basis”.

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