

S194 OUTLINE

S. 194... A BILL To amend the Public Health Service Act ...

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. may be cited ... the “CHOICE Act”. [[NEWS](#)]

SECTION 2. PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE OPTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part C ... ([42 U.S.C. 300gg–91](#)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SECTION 2795. PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE OPTION.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For plan years **beginning in 2019**, ...

“(2) PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY.—...

“(b) ADMINISTRATING THE PUB.HEALTH INS. OPTION.

“(1) OFFERED THROUGH EXCHANGES.—

“(2) ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTING.—

“(3) STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL.—

“(4) DATA COLLECTION.—...

“(A) to establish rates for premiums ...

“(B) for other purposes ...

“(c) FINANCING THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE OPTION.

“(1) PREMIUMS.

“(A) ESTABLISHMENT... establish geographically adjusted premium rates

“(B) CONTINGENCY MARGIN.—...

“(C) VARIATIONS IN PREMIUM RATES.—...

“(2) HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PAYMENT RATES FOR.

“(A) IN GENERAL.—

“(i) (ii) (iii)

“(B) PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.—...

“(3) ACCOUNT.

“(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—...

“(B) PROHIBITION OF STATE IMPOSITION OF TAXES.—...

“(C) STARTUP FUNDING.—

“(i) AUTHORIZATION ...“(ii) AMORT. OF STARTUP FUNDING...

“(D) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—...

“(d) HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PARTICIPATION.

“(1) PROVIDER PARTICIPATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—...

“(B) LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION.—...

“(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROVIDER NETWORK.—

“(A) MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS.—...

“(B) ADDITIONAL PROVIDERS.—...

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) TREATMENT AS A QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN.—...

(A) ... by inserting “, THE PUBLIC HEALTH INS. OPTION,” ...

(B) by inserting ...“

(2) LEVEL PLAYING FIELD.—...

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