

**Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to Subtitle E offered by Rep. Smith of Nebraska**

The amendment would require patients' exposure to supplemental benefit costs be no more than that of the average Medicare Advantage plan for enrollees with chronic conditions. (Lower Costs for Seniors with Chronic Conditions Act)

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NA-  
TURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO COMMITTEE  
PRINT RELATING TO MEDICARE DENTAL,  
HEARING, AND VISION COVERAGE  
OFFERED BY M R. SMITH (NE)**

Add at the end the following new section:

**1 SEC. 134404. ENSURING LOWERING COSTS FOR ENROLLEES  
2 WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS.**

3 Notwithstanding any provision of, or amendment  
4 made by, a preceding section of this part, such provisions  
5 and amendments shall not apply before the date on which  
6 the Secretary of Health and Human Services submits to  
7 Congress a written certification that the benefits provided  
8 by such provisions and amendments will not have patient  
9 cost sharing for enrollees with chronic conditions greater  
10 than the average patient cost sharing of such benefits pro-  
11 vided under Medicare Advantage plans offered under part  
12 C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
13 1395w-21 et seq.) during the plan year preceding the date  
14 of the implementation of the benefits provided by such  
15 provisions and amendments.

