

Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to Subtitle E offered by Rep. Hern of Oklahoma and Rep. Jason Smith of Missouri

The amendment would require that no provision of Part 4 of Subtitle E be implemented until the Secretary of Health and Human Services certifies in writing that Part 4 of Subtitle E will not reduce patient access to hearing, vision and dental benefits, with a particular focus on rural and underserved communities and communities of color, in private Medicare plans in the United States. (Safeguarding Medicare Advantage for Rural and Underserved Communities and Communities of Color 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 *Mr. Hern and Mr. Jason Smith*

Add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. 134404. ENSURING NO REDUCTION IN ACCESS TO CER-**
2 **TAIN BENEFITS UNDER MA PLANS.**

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 such provisions and
8 amendments will not result in reduced access to, or re-
9 duced projected growth of, dental, hearing, or vision bene-
10 fits, with a particular focus on rural and underserved com-
11 munities and communities of color, under Medicare Ad-
12 vantage plans offered under part C of title XVIII of the
13 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-21 et seq.).

