

**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.**

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

10 (1) to continue to study and request input on  
11 the effects of socioeconomic status and dual-eligible  
12 populations on the Medicare Advantage STARS rat-  
13 ing system before reforming such system with the  
14 input of stakeholders; and

15 (2) pending the results of such studies and  
16 input, to provide for a temporary delay in authority  
17 of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
18 (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.”.

