

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2061
OFFERED BY MR. RYAN OF WISCONSIN**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Equitable Access to
3 Care and Health Act” or the “EACH Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FROM**
5 **HEALTH COVERAGE RESPONSIBILITY RE-**
6 **QUIREMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5000A(d)(2)(A) of the In-
8 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as fol-
9 lows:

10 “(A) RELIGIOUS CONSCIENCE EXEMP-
11 TIONS.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Such term shall
13 not include any individual for any month if
14 such individual has in effect an exemption
15 under section 1311(d)(4)(H) of the Patient
16 Protection and Affordable Care Act which
17 certifies that—

1 “(I) such individual is a member
2 of a recognized religious sect or divi-
3 sion thereof which is described in sec-
4 tion 1402(g)(1), and is adherent of
5 established tenets or teachings of such
6 sect or division as described in such
7 section, or

8 “(II) such individual is a member
9 of a religious sect or division thereof
10 which is not described in section
11 1402(g)(1), who relies solely on a reli-
12 gious method of healing, and for
13 whom the acceptance of medical
14 health services would be inconsistent
15 with the religious beliefs of the indi-
16 vidual.

17 “(ii) SPECIAL RULES.—

18 “(I) MEDICAL HEALTH SERVICES
19 DEFINED.—For purposes of this sub-
20 paragraph, the term ‘medical health
21 services’ does not include routine den-
22 tal, vision, and hearing services, mid-
23 wifery services, vaccinations, nec-
24 essary medical services provided to
25 children, services required by law or

1 by a third party, and such other serv-
2 ices as the Secretary of Health and
3 Human Services may provide in im-
4 plementing section 1311(d)(4)(H) of
5 the Patient Protection and Affordable
6 Care Act.

7 “(II) ATTESTATION REQUIRED.—
8 Clause (i)(II) shall apply to an indi-
9 vidual for months in a taxable year
10 only if the information provided by
11 the individual under section
12 1411(b)(5)(A) of such Act includes an
13 attestation that the individual has not
14 received medical health services dur-
15 ing the preceding taxable year.”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
17 subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after
18 December 31, 2013.

19 (c) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the amendment
20 made by subsection (a) shall preempt any State law re-
21 quiring the provision of medical treatment for children,
22 especially those who are seriously ill.

