

Explanation of Changes Reflected in the Chairman’s Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 5774, “*Combating Opioid Abuse for Care in Hospitals (COACH) Act of 2018*”

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The Chairman’s amendment in the nature of a substitute includes the following changes to H.R. 5774 as introduced (page and line references are to H.R. 5774 as introduced):

1. Page 7, lines 1-3: Replace “elect...1890” with “use the entity with a contract under section 1890(a) and amend such contract as necessary to provide for the establishment of such technical expert panel”
2. Page 7, lines 24-25 and Page 8 line 1: Replace “quality...models” with “the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System under section 1848(q), the alternative payment models under section 1833(z)(3)(C), the shared savings program under section 1899, the quality reporting requirements for inpatient hospitals under section 1886(b)(3)(B)(viii), the hospital value-based purchasing program under section 1886(o), and under other value-based purchasing programs under this title”
3. Page 8, lines 10-11: Replace “Alternative Payment Models” with “alternative payment models”
4. Page 8, line 12: Replace “Shared Savings Program” with “shared savings program”
5. Page 8, lines 15-16: Replace “Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting program” with “quality reporting requirements for inpatient hospitals”
6. Page 8, line 24: Replace “(C)” with “(B)”
7. Page 9, line 7: Insert “such” before “measures”
8. Page 10, lines 16-17: Replace “opioids-tolerant” with “opiate-tolerant” and replace “opiates” with “opioids”