

Explanation of Changes Reflected in the Chairman’s Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 5775, “Providing Reliable Options for Patients and Educational Resources (PROPER) Act of 2018”

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The Chairman’s amendment in the nature of a substitute includes the following changes to H.R. 5775 as introduced (page and line references are to H.R. 5775 as introduced):

1. Page 2, line 5: remove brackets
2. Page 6, line 12: add “(aa) after “(XII)”
3. Page 6, line 21: add before (b), “(bb) The Secretary shall not include on the Hospital Compare internet website any measures based on the questions appearing on the HCAHPS survey in 2018 about communication by hospital staff with an individual about such individual’s pain.”
4. Page 6, delete lines 21-24 and page 7, delete lines 1-11. Replace with:
“RESTRICTION ON USE OF 2018 PAIN QUESTIONS IN THE HOSPITAL VALUE-BASED PURCHASING PROGRAM.—Section 1886(o)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:
“(iii) HCAHPS PAIN QUESTIONS.—The Secretary may not include a measure under subparagraph (A) based on the questions appearing on the HCAHPS survey in 2018 about communication by hospital staff with an individual about the individual’s pain.””