

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-2
OFFERED BY MISS GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN OF PUERTO
RICO**

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

1 SEC. _____. (a) Section 1853(n) of the Social Security
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-23(n)) is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “subse-
4 quent year” and inserting “subsequent year, subject
5 to paragraph (6),”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new
7 paragraph:

8 “(6) AVERAGE GEOGRAPHIC ADJUSTMENT
9 FLOOR.—For each of 2020, 2021, and 2022, when
10 calculating the adjusted average per capita cost
11 under section 1876(a)(4) for the purposes of estab-
12 lishing the base payment amount specified in para-
13 graph (2)(E), the average geographic adjustment
14 shall not be less than 0.70 for any area. For pur-
15 poses of the previous sentence, the Secretary may
16 define the term ‘average geographic adjustment’ by
17 program instruction or otherwise.”.

1 (b) Section 1854(a)(6) of the Social Security Act (42
2 U.S.C. 1395w-24(a)(6)) is amended by adding at the end
3 the following new subparagraph:

4 (C) STRENGTHENING SUPPORT TO
5 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN PUERTO RICO.—
6 With respect to plans serving areas in Puerto
7 Rico, of the increase in blended benchmark
8 amount attributable to section 1853(n)(6), no
9 less than 50 percent is directed toward provider
10 compensation.”.

