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AMENDMENT

**OFFERED BY MR. STUPAK OF MICHIGAN, MR.
PITTS OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND MR. TERRY OF
NEBRASKA**

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . NON-DISCRIMINATION ON ABORTION AND RE-**
2 **SPECT FOR RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE.**

3 (a) NON-DISCRIMINATION.—A Federal agency or pro-
4 gram, and any State or local government that receives
5 Federal financial assistance under this Act (or an amend-
6 ment made by this Act), may not—

7 (1) subject any individual or institutional health
8 care entity to discrimination, or

9 (2) require any health plan created or regulated
10 under this Act (or an amendment made by this Act)
11 to subject any individual or institutional health care
12 entity to discrimination,

13 on the basis that the health care entity does not provide,
14 pay for, provide coverage of, or refer for abortions.

15 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “health
16 care entity” includes an individual physician or other
17 health care professional, a hospital, a provider-sponsored
18 organization, a health maintenance organization, a health

1 insurance plan, or any other kind of health care facility,
2 organization, or plan.

3 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Office for Civil Rights of
4 the Department of Health and Human Services is des-
5 ignated to receive complaints of discrimination based on
6 this section, and coordinate the investigation of such com-
7 plaints.

8 (d) CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION.—Nothing in this
9 Act (or an amendment made by this Act) shall be con-
10 strued as forbidding a health plan or health insurance
11 issuer to accommodate the conscientious objection of a
12 purchaser or an individual or institutional health care pro-
13 vider when a procedure is contrary to the religious beliefs
14 or moral convictions of such purchaser or provider.

