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**AMENDMENT #18**

**OFFERED BY MR. BURGESS OF TEXAS**

Strike section 1121 (relating to sustainable growth rate reform) and insert the following:

**SEC. 1121. RESETTING TO 2009 THE BASE YEAR FOR APPLICATION OF SUSTAINABLE GROWTH RATE FORMULA IN 2010; ELIMINATION OF SUSTAINABLE GROWTH RATE FORMULA IN 2011; TRANSITION.**

Section 1848(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “subparagraph (D)” and inserting “subparagraphs (D) and (G)”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(G) REBASING TO 2009 FOR UPDATE ADJUSTMENT IN 2010.—In determining the update adjustment factor under subparagraph (B) for 2010—

“(i) the allowed expenditures for 2009 shall be equal to the amount of the actual expenditures for physicians’ services during 2009; and

“(ii) the reference in subparagraph (B)(ii)(I) to ‘April 1, 1996’ shall

be treated as a reference  
to 'January 1, 2009.'";  
and

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

“(10) UPDATE FOR 2010.—In lieu of the update to the single conversion factor established in paragraph (1)(C) that would otherwise apply for 2010, the update to the single conversion factor shall be 1.0 percent.

“(11) UPDATING BEGINNING WITH 2011.—The update to the single conversion factor for each year beginning with 2011 shall be the percentage increase in the MEI (as defined in section 1842(i)(3)) for that year.”.