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**#22 - AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A
SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3200**

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Add at the end of section 221 the following:

(h) **LEVEL PLAYING FIELD: COMPLIANCE WITH GENERALLY APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the Secretary, with respect to the public health insurance option, shall comply with the following requirements in the same manner as such requirements would apply to any private QHBP offering entity offering a qualified health benefits plan through the Health Insurance Exchange:

(1) Finance all start-up costs of the option by loans secured through non-governmental lending institutions without any assistance from any other government agency, except to the same extent that such financing or assistance from a governmental entity would be available to other QHBP offering entities.

(2) Payment of State premium taxes.

(3) Payment of State and local property taxes.

(4) Payment of market rates for all buildings, equipment, and services and no access to assistance from the General Service Administration or government-negotiated rates or special purchasing plans except to the extent that such access, rates, and plans are available to all other QHBP offering entities offering Exchange-participating health benefits plans.

(5) The same access to any special data from other government agencies that other QHBP offering entities have.

(6) The same access to funds (including grants and loans) from the United States Treasury or any other government agency that is provided to other QHBP offering entities.

(7) Compliance with the financial stability requirements otherwise applicable to QHBP offering entities in of every State in which the public health insurance option operates.

(8) Payment to the United States Treasury and the States of amounts equivalent to the amounts that would be owed for Federal and State corporate income taxes if the Secretary, with respect to the

operation of the public health insurance option were a private corporation.

(9) Be subject to lawsuits (including State lawsuits).

(10) Notwithstanding section 223, payment of market-based rates to health care providers with any necessary link to payment rates under any governmental program, including Medicare.

(11) Notwithstanding section 223, the Secretary may not require doctors and hospitals to participate in, or accept rates changed under, the public health insurance option as a condition for participating in Medicare.

In section 222, strike subsection (b)(2).

In section 223, strike subsections (a) and (b) and insert the following (and redesignate succeeding subsections and cross-references thereto accordingly):

(a) PAYMENT RATES FOR ITEMS AND SERVICES.—The Secretary shall establish payment rates for items and services for the public health insurance option consistent with section 221(h).