

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5**

**OFFERED BY MR. TOWNS OF NEW YORK**

Page 4, line 15, strike “and”.

Page 4, after line 15, insert the following and redesignate succeeding paragraphs accordingly:

- 1           (5) improve the quality of patient care and re-  
2           duce the number of medical errors; and

Page 25, line 22, strike “This Act shall apply” and insert the following:

- 3           (a) **APPLICABILITY.**—This Act shall apply

Page 25, line 25, strike “date of enactment” and insert “effective date”.

Page 25, line 25, insert after “of this Act” the following: “as described in subsection (b)”.

Page 26, insert after line 4 the following:

- 4           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This Act shall take effect be-  
5           ginning on the date that is 6 months after the date on  
6           which the Secretary of Health and Human Services has  
7           submitted to Congress all of the following:

1           (1) A certification that all projects funded  
2           under section 399v-4 of the Public Health Service  
3           Act (42 U.S.C. 280g-15), as added by section 10607  
4           of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act,  
5           have been completed.

6           (2) A report in accordance with Section  
7           10607(e)(2) of Patient Protection and Affordable  
8           Care Act.

9           (3) A certification that the provisions of this  
10          Act would more effectively achieve the purposes of  
11          the Act (as established in section 2(b)) in all States  
12          than State programs created under section 10607 of  
13          the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

