

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 4872  
OFFERED BY Mr. WALDEN**

Add at the end of subtitle B of title I the following:

1 **SEC. 1108. ENSURING PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION**  
2 **OF INTERESTS OF RURAL AREAS ON MEDPAC.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1805(c)(2) of the Social  
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395b-6(c)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “con-  
6 sistent with subparagraph (E)” after “rural rep-  
7 resentatives”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
9 paragraph:

10 “(E) PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION OF  
11 INTERESTS OF RURAL AREAS.—In order to pro-  
12 vide a balance between urban and rural rep-  
13 resentatives under subparagraph (A), the pro-  
14 portion of members of the Commission who rep-  
15 resent the interests of health care providers and  
16 Medicare beneficiaries located in rural areas  
17 shall be no less than the proportion of the total  
18 number of Medicare beneficiaries who reside in  
19 rural areas.”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 subsection (a) shall apply to appointments to the Medicare  
3 Payment Advisory Commission made after the date of the  
4 enactment of this Act.

