AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MR. ROSKAM OF ILLINOIS

In subsection (a) of section 223, strike paragraph (2) and insert the following:

(2) PAYMENT RULES.—

(A) In General.—The Secretary shall not base payment rates for practitioners under the public health insurance option on the payment rates for similar services and providers under parts A and B of Medicare. The Secretary shall provide that the payment rates for practitioners under the public health insurance option are an average of such payment rates for private health insurance plans. Such payment rates (and the averages on which such rates are based) shall be determined separately for each county.

(B) Data collection.—The Secretary shall issues such regulations as are necessary to carry out this section, including regulations regarding the collection of data necessary to determine the averages described in subparagraph

- 1 (A). The Secretary shall not publicly disclose 2 any data collected under this paragraph.
 - Strike paragraph (3) of section 223(a).

Strike subsection (b) of section 223.

Strike subsection (d) of section 223.

