

MURKOWSKI AMENDMENT SA 2836

TEXT OF AMENDMENT

SA 2836. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. JOHANNNS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 17, strike lines 11 through 14.

On page 17, line 15, strike ``(2)" and insert ``(1)."

On page 17, line 20, strike ``(3)" and insert ``(2)".

On page 17, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:

``Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall not use any recommendation made by the United States Preventive Services Task Force to deny coverage of an item or service by a group health plan or health insurance issuer offering group or individual health insurance coverage or under a Federal health care program (as defined in section 1128B(f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.1320a-7b(f))) or private insurance.

``(b) Determinations of Benefits Coverage.--A group health plan and a health insurance issuer offering group or individual health insurance coverage shall, in determining which preventive items and services to provide coverage for under the plan or coverage, consult the medical guidelines and recommendations of relevant professional medical organizations of relevant medical practice areas (such as the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Radiation Oncology, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and other similar organizations), including guidelines and recommendations relating to the coverage of women's preventive services (such as mammograms and cervical cancer screenings). The plan or issuer shall disclose such guidelines and recommendations to enrollees as part of the summary of benefits and coverage explanation provided under section 2715."

On page 17, line 25, strike ``(b)" and insert ``(c)".

On page 18, lines 3 and 4, strike ``or (a)(2)".

On page 18, line 4, strike ``(a)(3)" and insert ``(a)(2)"

On page 18, line 11, strike ``(c)" and insert ``(d)".

On page 124, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

(d) Rule of Construction With Respect to Preventive Services.--Nothing in this Act (or an amendment made by this Act) shall be construed to authorize the Secretary, or any other governmental or quasi-governmental entity, to define or classify abortion or abortion services as ``preventive care" or as a ``preventive service".

On page 1680, strike lines 10 through 12, and insert the following:

``(A) to permit the Secretary to use data obtained from the conduct of comparative effectiveness research, including such research that is conducted or supported using funds appropriated under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5), to deny coverage of an item or service under a Federal health care program (as defined in section 1128B(f)) or private insurance; or".