

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide for an increased cost exemption and modify other provisions relating to limitations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—108th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 486

To provide for equal coverage of mental health benefits with respect to health insurance coverage unless comparable limitations are imposed on medical and surgical benefits.

Referred to the Committee on _____
and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by

Viz:

1 On page 10, strike lines 5 through 14.

2 On page 13, strike line 11, and insert the following:

3 (4) by striking subsection (f) and inserting the
4 following:

5 “(f) INCREASED COST EXEMPTION.—This section
6 shall not apply with respect to a group health plan (or
7 health insurance coverage offered in connection with a

1 group health plan) if the application of this section to such
2 plan (or to such coverage)—

3 “(1) would be expected to result in an increase
4 in the cost under the plan (or for such coverage) of
5 at least 1 percent as calculated by a qualified actu-
6 ary; or

7 “(2) results in an increase in the cost under the
8 plan (or for such coverage) of at least 1 percent
9 based on actual costs under the plan during any
10 consecutive 6-calendar month period beginning not
11 prior to the date of enactment of the Senator Paul
12 Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act
13 of 2004.”.

14 Beginning on page 21, strike line 22 and all that fol-
15 lows through line 6 on page 22.

16 On page 25, strike line 3, and insert the following:

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