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Amendment 1

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require a study on access to medication for opioid overdose reversal.

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To provide for increased oversight of entities that provide pharmacy benefit management services on behalf of group health plans and health insurance coverage.

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 Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. MARSHALL)

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . STUDY ON NALOXONE ACCESS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
4 United States shall conduct a study on actions that may
5 be taken to ensure appropriate access and affordability of
6 naloxone for individuals seeking to purchase naloxone.
7 Such study shall address what is known about—

8 (1) coverage of naloxone (in any available
9 form), including whether naloxone can be covered as
10 an over-the-counter drug under a group health plan
11 or group or individual health insurance coverage (as

1 such terms are defined in section 2791 of the Public
2 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-91));

3 (2) the out-of-pocket cost to consumers pur-
4 chasing naloxone—

5 (A) with a prescription, with and without
6 coverage under any such plan or coverage; and

7 (B) over-the-counter, with and without cov-
8 erage under any such plan or coverage; and

9 (3) other factors impacting coverage, including
10 barriers in covering naloxone as an over-the-counter
11 drug, the relative net costs of naloxone when pur-
12 chased over-the-counter without insurance coverage
13 compared to when purchased with a prescription and
14 covered under a group health plan or health insur-
15 ance coverage, and the availability of naloxone pur-
16 chased and distributed through public health enti-
17 ties.

18 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
20 the United States shall submit to Congress a report that
21 contains the findings of the study conducted under sub-
22 section (a).