

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
TOWNS OF NEW YORK, OR HIS
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4157, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. TOWNS OF NEW YORK**

[Amendment is to FLOORAGRMT_002]

Add at the end of section 101 the following:

1 (d) STUDY OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
2 IN MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.—

3 (1) STUDY.—The National Coordinator for
4 Health Information Technology shall conduct a
5 study on the development and implementation of
6 health information technology in medically under-
7 served communities. The study shall—

8 (A) identify barriers to successful imple-
9 mentation of health information technology in
10 these communities;

11 (B) examine the impact of health informa-
12 tion technology on providing quality care and
13 reducing the cost of care to these communities;

14 (C) examine urban and rural community
15 health systems and determine the impact that
16 health information technology may have on the
17 capacity of primary health providers; and

1 (D) assess the feasibility and the costs of
2 associated with the use of health information
3 technology in these communities.

4 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the National
6 Coordinator shall submit to Congress a report on the
7 study conducted under paragraph (1) and shall in-
8 clude in such report such recommendations for legis-
9 lation or administrative action as the Coordinator
10 determines appropriate.