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1                   **PART 3—STATE FLEXIBILITY**

2                   **Subpart A—Existing State Laws**

3 **SEC. 1521. CONTINUANCE OF EXISTING FEDERAL LAW**  
4                   **WAIVERS.**

5           Nothing in this Act shall preempt any feature of a  
6 State health care system operating under a waiver granted  
7 before the date of the enactment of this Act under titles  
8 XVIII or XIX of the Social Security Act or the Employee  
9 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1001  
10 et seq.).

11 **SEC. 1522. HAWAII PREPAID HEALTH CARE ACT.**

12           (a) ERISA WAIVER.—

13               (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 514(b)(5) of the  
14 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974  
15 (29 U.S.C. 1144(b)(5)) is amended to read as fol-  
16 lows:

17               “(5)(A) Except as provided in subparagraphs  
18 (B) and (C), subsection (a) shall not apply to the  
19 Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act (Haw. Rev. Stat.  
20 §§ 393-1 through 393-51).

21               “(B) Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall be con-  
22 strued to exempt from subsection (a) any State tax  
23 law relating to employee benefits plans.

24               “(C) If the Secretary of Labor notifies the Gov-  
25 ernor of the State of Hawaii that as the result of  
26 an amendment to the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care

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1 Act enacted after the date of the enactment of this  
2 paragraph—

3 “(i) the proportion of the population with  
4 health care coverage under such Act is less than  
5 such proportion on such date, or

6 “(ii) the level of benefit coverage provided  
7 under such Act is less than the actuarial equiv-  
8 alent of such level of coverage on such date,  
9 subparagraph (A) shall not apply with respect to the  
10 application of such amendment to such Act after the  
11 date of such notification.”

12 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
13 by paragraph (1) shall take effect on the date of the  
14 enactment of this Act.

15 (b) HSA WAIVER. ---

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall, at the re-  
17 quest of the Governor of the State of Hawaii and in  
18 accordance with this section, grant a waiver to the  
19 State from the requirements of this Act (other than  
20 the requirements specified in paragraph (3)).

21 (2) SCOPE OF WAIVER.—The waiver granted  
22 under paragraph (1) shall exempt—

23 (A) the State of Hawaii;

24 (B) health plans offered within the State;

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1 (C) health plan participants, including em-  
2 ployers, employees, residents, and health plan  
3 sponsors within the State,  
4 from requirements otherwise applicable to the State  
5 and such plans and participants.

6 (3) REQUIRED COMPLIANCE OF OTHER RE-  
7 QUIREMENTS.—The waiver shall initially be granted  
8 under paragraph (1) if the State of Hawaii dem-  
9 onstrates to the Board that the State maintains—

10 (A) a requirement that employers make  
11 premium contributions comparable to the re-  
12 quirements of this Act;

13 (B) a comprehensive benefit package (in-  
14 cluding cost sharing) that is comparable with  
15 the requirements of subtitle B of this title;

16 (C) a percentage of State population with  
17 health care coverage that is not less than the  
18 national average;

19 (D) a quality control mechanism and data  
20 system that are comparable to the applicable re-  
21 quirements of title V; and

22 (E) health care cost containment that is  
23 comparable to subtitle A of title VI.

24 (4) WAIVER PERIOD.—The waiver initially  
25 granted under paragraph (1) shall extend for the pe-

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1 riod during which the State of Hawaii continues to  
2 comply with the requirements specified in paragraph  
3 (3). The Board may require the State, every 5 years,  
4 to demonstrate to the Board the State's continued  
5 compliance with such requirements.

6 (5) PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT OF NON-COM-  
7 PLIANCE.—

8 (A) NOTICE.—If, at any time after grant-  
9 ing a waiver under paragraph (1), the Board  
10 finds that the State of Hawaii is not meeting  
11 the requirements specified in paragraph (3), the  
12 Board shall notify the State of the Board's  
13 findings.

14 (B) OPPORTUNITY TO CONTEST.—The  
15 State may contest the Board's findings under  
16 the procedures provided under section 5231.

17 (C) OPPORTUNITY FOR CORRECTION.—

18 (i) FINDINGS NOT CONTESTED.—If  
19 the State does not contest the Board's  
20 findings within the 30-day period begin-  
21 ning on the date of receipt of a notice of  
22 such findings, the State shall have—

23 (I) a 90-day period beginning on  
24 such date to show a good faith effort  
25 to remedy the non-compliance, and

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1 (II) an additional 12-month pe-  
2 riod to take such actions as may be  
3 required to bring the State into com-  
4 pliance with the requirements speci-  
5 fied in paragraph (3).

6 (ii) CONTESTED FINDINGS.—If the  
7 State contests the Board's findings within  
8 such 30-day period but such findings are  
9 upheld, the State shall have—

10 (I) a 90-day period beginning on  
11 the date of final adjudication to show  
12 a good faith effort to remedy the non-  
13 compliance, and

14 (II) an additional 12-month pe-  
15 riod to take such actions as may be  
16 required to bring the State into com-  
17 pliance with the requirements speci-  
18 fied in paragraph (3).

19 (D) TERMINATION.—If the State fails  
20 to demonstrate a good faith effort under  
21 subparagraph (C)(i)(I) or (C)(ii)(I) or to  
22 take actions under subparagraph (C)(i)(II)  
23 or (C)(ii)(II) within the time period speci-  
24 fied, the Board may revoke the waiver  
25 granted in paragraph (1).

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1           (6) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE NA-  
2           TIONAL HEALTH BOARD.—The Board shall enter  
3           into cooperative agreements with appropriate offi-  
4           cials of the State of Hawaii—

5                   (A) to develop standards and reporting re-  
6                   quirements necessary for the issuance and  
7                   maintenance of the State's waiver under para-  
8                   graph (1); and

9                   (B) otherwise to effectuate the provisions  
10                  of this subsection.

11           (7) ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDS PRO-  
12           VIDED TO PARTICIPATING STATES.—Nothing in this  
13           subsection shall preclude the eligibility of the State  
14           of Hawaii to participate in any public health initia-  
15           tive, grant, or financial aid program under this Act  
16           (including the medicaid program under title XIX of  
17           the Social Security Act), or the sharing of revenue  
18           resulting from the amendments made by title VII,  
19           designed to implement the purpose of this Act. The  
20           Secretary shall work with appropriate officials of the  
21           State of Hawaii to develop comparable, alternative  
22           standards to govern the State's entitlement under  
23           title XI.

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1 **SEC. 1523. ALTERNATIVE STATE PROVIDER PAYMENT SYS-**  
2 **TEMS.**

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a hos-  
4 pital reimbursement system operated by a State meets the  
5 requirements of section 1814(b) of the Social Security Act  
6 and has been approved by the Secretary and in continuous  
7 operation since July 1, 1977, the payment rates and meth-  
8 odologies required under the system for services provided  
9 in the State shall apply to all purchasers and payers, in-  
10 cluding those under employee welfare benefit plans author-  
11 ized under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act  
12 of 1974, workers' compensation programs under State  
13 law, the Federal Employees' Compensation Act under  
14 chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, and Federal  
15 employee health benefit plans under chapter 89 of title  
16 5, United States Code.

17 **SEC. 1524. ALTERNATIVE STATE HOSPITAL SERVICES PAY-**  
18 **MENT SYSTEMS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—No State shall be prevented from  
20 enforcing—

21 (1) a State system described in subsection (b),

22 or

23 (2) a State system described in subsection (c),  
24 by any provision of the Employee Retirement Income Se-  
25 curity Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) or chapter  
26 81 or 89 of title 5, United States Code.

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1 (b) REIMBURSEMENT CONTROL SYSTEM.—A State  
2 system is described in this subsection if it is a State reim-  
3 bursement control system in operation before the date of  
4 the enactment of this Act which—

5 (1) applies to substantially all non-Federal  
6 acute care hospitals in the State, and

7 (2) regulates substantially all rates of payment  
8 (including maximum charges) in the State for inpa-  
9 tient hospital services, except payments made under  
10 title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

11 (c) HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM SYSTEM.—A State  
12 system is described in this subsection if it is a State health  
13 insurance reform system in operation before the date of  
14 the enactment of this Act which requires any insurer (in-  
15 cluding a health maintenance organization) to comply with  
16 requirements governing open enrollment and community  
17 rating, including premium adjustments or other health  
18 care assessments, for the purpose of risk adjustment.

19 (d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

20 (1) SUBSECTION (b).—In the case of a State  
21 system described in subsection (b), the provisions of  
22 this section shall apply before, on, and after the date  
23 of the enactment of this Act.

24 (2) SUBSECTION (c).—In the case of a State  
25 system described in subsection (c), the provisions of



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1 this section shall apply before, on, and after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, and before the effective  
3 date of section 1116 of this Act.

4 **Subpart B—Requirements for State Single-Payer**  
5 **Systems**

6 **SEC. 1531. SINGLE-PAYER SYSTEM DESCRIBED.**

7 The Secretary shall approve an application of a State  
8 to operate a single-payer system if the Secretary finds that  
9 the system—

10 (1) meets the requirements of section 1532;

11 (2)(A) in the case of a system offered through-  
12 out a State, meets the requirements for a Statewide  
13 single-payer system under section 1533; or

14 (B) in the case of a system offered in a single  
15 community rating area of a State, meets the require-  
16 ments for an area specific single-payer system under  
17 section 1534.

18 **SEC. 1532. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SINGLE-PAYER**  
19 **SYSTEMS.**

20 Each single-payer system shall meet the following re-  
21 quirements:

22 (1) **ESTABLISHMENT BY STATE.**—The system is  
23 established under State law, and State law provides  
24 for mechanisms to enforce the requirements of the  
25 system.

1           (2) OPERATION BY STATE.—The system is op-  
2           erated by the State or a designated agency of the  
3           State.

4           (3) ENROLLMENT OF INDIVIDUALS.—

5           (A) MANDATORY ENROLLMENT OF ALL  
6           COMMUNITY-RATED INDIVIDUALS.—The system  
7           shall provide for the enrollment of all commu-  
8           nity-rated individuals residing in the State (or,  
9           in the case of an area-specific single-payer sys-  
10          tem, in the community rating area) who are not  
11          medicare-eligible individuals.

12          (B) OPTIONAL ENROLLMENT OF MEDI-  
13          CARE-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—At the option of  
14          the State and if the Secretary has approved an  
15          application submitted by the State, the system  
16          may provide for the enrollment of medicare-eli-  
17          gible individuals residing in the State (or, in the  
18          case of an area-specific single-payer system, in  
19          the community rating area) [if the Secretary of  
20          Health and Human Services has approved an  
21          application submitted by the State under sec-  
22          tion 1893 of the Social Security Act (as added  
23          by section 4001(a)) for the integration of Medi-  
24          care beneficiaries into plans of the State. Noth-  
25          ing in this subparagraph shall be construed as

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1 requiring that a State have a single-payer sys-  
2 tem in order to provide for such integration].

3 (C) OPTIONAL ENROLLMENT OF EXPERI-  
4 ENCE-RATED INDIVIDUALS IN STATEWIDE  
5 PLANS.—

6 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided  
7 in clause (ii), at the option of the State, a  
8 Statewide single-payer system may provide  
9 for the enrollment of experience-rated indi-  
10 viduals residing in the State (or, in the  
11 case of an area-specific single-payer sys-  
12 tem, in the community rating area).

13 (ii) PARTICIPATION BY CERTAIN  
14 MULTISTATE PLANS.—The system shall  
15 not require (but may permit) participation  
16 by any sponsor of a certified multistate  
17 self-insured standard health plan (as de-  
18 scribed in section 1482(b)), or any experi-  
19 ence-rated employer sponsor of a certified  
20 multistate self-insured standard health  
21 plan with at least 5,000 participants.

22 (D) OPTIONS INCLUDED IN STATE SYSTEM  
23 DOCUMENT.—A State may not exercise any of  
24 the options described in subparagraphs (B) or  
25 (C) for a year unless the State included a de-

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1 description of the option in the submission of its  
2 system document to the Board for the year  
3 under section 1501(a).

4 [(E) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN INDIVID-  
5 UALS.—A single-payer system may not require  
6 the enrollment of electing veterans, active duty  
7 military personnel, and electing American Indi-  
8 ans (as defined in 1012(d)).]

9 (4) DIRECT PAYMENT TO PROVIDERS.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to provid-  
11 ers who furnish items and services included in  
12 the standard benefits package established under  
13 subtitle C to individuals enrolled in the system,  
14 the State shall make payments directly, or  
15 through fiscal intermediaries, to such providers  
16 and assume (subject to subparagraph (B)) all  
17 financial risk associated with making such pay-  
18 ments.

19 (B) CAPITATED PAYMENTS PERMITTED.—  
20 Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall be construed  
21 to prohibit providers furnishing items and serv-  
22 ices under the system from receiving payments  
23 on a capitated, at-risk basis based on prospec-  
24 tively determined rates.

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1 (5) PROVISION OF STANDARD BENEFITS PACK-  
2 AGE.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—The system shall pro-  
4 vide for coverage of the standard benefits pack-  
5 age established under subtitle C, including the  
6 cost-sharing provided under the package (sub-  
7 ject to subparagraph (B)), to all individuals en-  
8 rolled in the system.

9 (B) IMPOSITION OF REDUCED COST-SHAR-  
10 ING.—The system may decrease the cost-shar-  
11 ing otherwise provided in the standard benefits  
12 package established under subtitle C with re-  
13 spect to any individuals enrolled in the system  
14 or any class of services included in the package,  
15 so long as the system does not increase the  
16 cost-sharing otherwise imposed with respect to  
17 any other individuals or services.

18 [*Labor* (6) COST CONTAINMENT.—The system  
19 shall provide for mechanisms to ensure, in a manner  
20 satisfactory to the Board, that—

21 (A) the rate of growth in health care  
22 spending will not be higher than the target es-  
23 tablished under this Act;

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1 (B) the expenditures described in subpara-  
2 graph (A) are computed and effectively mon-  
3 itored;

4 (C) automatic, mandatory, nondiscretion-  
5 ary reductions in payments to health care pro-  
6 viders will be imposed to the extent required to  
7 assure that such per capita expenditures do not  
8 exceed the applicable target referred to in sub-  
9 paragraph (A); and

10 (D) Federal payments to a single payer  
11 State or health care coverage area shall be lim-  
12 ited to the payments that would have been  
13 made in the absence of the implementation of  
14 the single payer system.]

15 (6) FEDERAL PAYMENTS.—The system shall  
16 provide for mechanisms to ensure, in a manner sat-  
17 isfactory to the Secretary, that Federal payments to  
18 a single-payer State or community rating area shall  
19 be limited to the payments that would have been  
20 made in the absence of the implementation of the  
21 single-payer system.

22 [*Finance* (7) INCREASED COVERAGE OR IM-  
23 PROVED COST CONTAINMENT.—The system, when  
24 fully implemented, shall be expected by the State  
25 to—

1 (A) reduce the number of residents of the  
2 State (or, in the case of an area-specific single-  
3 payer system, the community rating area) who  
4 are without health insurance coverage (as de-  
5 fined in section \_\_\_\_ ) by at least 10 percent, or

6 (B) decrease the rate of growth of per cap-  
7 ita health care spending in the State (or, in the  
8 case of an area-specific single-payer system, the  
9 community rating area),

10 compared to baseline projections developed by the  
11 State on the basis of the most recent data, including  
12 data provided by the National Health Care Commis-  
13 sion established under section \_\_\_\_ .]

14 (8) REQUIREMENTS GENERALLY APPLICABLE  
15 TO STANDARD HEALTH PLANS. The system shall  
16 meet the requirements applicable to a standard  
17 health plan, except that—

18 (A) the system does not have the authority  
19 provided to standard health plans under section  
20 1111(b)(3) (relating to permissible limitations  
21 on the enrollment of community-rated eligible  
22 individuals on the basis of limits on the plan's  
23 capacity); and

24 (B) the system is not required to meet the  
25 requirements of sections 1116 (relating to rat-

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1 ing limitations for community-rated market),  
2 1123(a) (relating to plan solvency), and section  
3 1125 (relating to restrictions on the marketing  
4 of plan materials).

5 **SEC. 1533. SPECIAL RULES FOR STATES OPERATING STATE-**  
6 **WIDE SINGLE-PAYER SYSTEM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a State operating  
8 a Statewide single-payer system—

9 (1) the State shall operate the system through-  
10 out the State; and

11 (2) except as provided in subsection (b), the  
12 State shall meet the requirements for participating  
13 States under part 1.

14 (b) EXCEPTIONS TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR  
15 PARTICIPATING STATES.—In the case of a State operating  
16 a Statewide single-payer system, the State is not required  
17 to meet the following requirements otherwise applicable to  
18 participating States under part 1:

19 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY RATING  
20 AND SERVICE AREAS.—The requirements of sections  
21 1502 (relating to the establishment of community  
22 rating areas) and \_\_\_\_ (relating to the designation  
23 of health plan service areas).



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1           (2) OTHER REFERENCES INAPPLICABLE.—Any  
2 requirement which the Secretary determines is not  
3 appropriate to apply to a State single-payer system.

4       **[(c) FINANCING.—**

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—A State operating a State-  
6 wide single-payer system shall provide for the financ-  
7 ing of the system using, at least in part, a payroll-  
8 based financing system that requires employers to  
9 pay at least the amount that the employers would be  
10 required to pay if the employers were subject to the  
11 requirements of subtitle B of title VI defined as the  
12 applicable percentage of the per capita cost of health  
13 care.

14           (2) USE OF FINANCING METHODS.—Such a  
15 State may use, consistent with paragraph (1), any  
16 other method of financing.]

17       (d) SINGLE-PAYER STATE DEFINED.—In this title,  
18 the term “single-payer State” means a State with a State-  
19 wide single-payer system in effect that has been approved  
20 by the Secretary in accordance with this part.

21 **SEC. 1534. SPECIAL RULES FOR COMMUNITY RATING AREA-**  
22 **SPECIFIC SINGLE-PAYER SYSTEMS.**

23       (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a State operating  
24 a community rating area specific single-payer system, ex-

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1 cept as provided in subsection (b), the State shall meet  
2 the requirements for participating States under part 1.

3 (b) EXCEPTIONS TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR  
4 PARTICIPATING STATES.—

5 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE AREAS.—The  
6 requirement of section \_\_\_\_ (relating to the designa-  
7 tion of health plan service areas).

8 (2) OTHER REFERENCES INAPPLICABLE.—Any  
9 requirement which the Secretary determines is not  
10 appropriate to apply to a community rating area  
11 specific single-payer system.

12 **Subpart C—Early Implementation of Comprehensive**  
13 **State Programs**

14 **SEC. 1541. EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE**  
15 **STATE PROGRAMS**

16 (a) APPLICATION.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with this sec-  
18 tion, each State desiring to implement the reform  
19 standards established in this Act before January 1,  
20 1997, may submit an application to the Secretary of  
21 Health and Human Services and the Secretary of  
22 Labor to request approval of a State comprehensive  
23 health care reform program which meets the require-  
24 ments specified in subsection (b).

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1           (2) ESTABLISHMENT OF CRITERIA.—The Sec-  
2           retaries shall establish criteria for the approval of  
3           such applications.

4           (3) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE. The Secretaries  
5           shall establish an expedited procedure for the consid-  
6           eration and disposition of applications under this  
7           subsection. The procedure established by the Sec-  
8           retaries shall provide that such consideration and  
9           disposition be completed within 90 days, and that if  
10          the application is approved, multistate employers be  
11          notified of such approval.

12          (b) REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED.—The requirements  
13          specified in this subsection are as follows:

14               (1) The State program is consistent with the  
15               reform standards established in this Act and the in-  
16               terim and final (if any) regulations promulgated by  
17               the Secretaries.

18               (2) The State program specifically includes—

19                       (A) a standardized benefits package meet-  
20                       ing the requirements established under subtitle  
21                       C, or in the event such requirements have not  
22                       been fully promulgated on the date of the appli-  
23                       cation, the requirements for a qualified health  
24                       maintenance organization (as defined in section

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1 1310(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
2 U.S.C. 300e-9(d));

3 (B) insurance reforms and rating require-  
4 ments as specified under part 2 of subtitle B;

5 (C) standards for health plans as specified  
6 under part 3 of subtitle B;

7 (D) the recognition of, and standards for,  
8 purchasing cooperatives, as specified in part 2  
9 of subtitle D;

10 (E) compliance with the data collection  
11 and privacy procedures established under sub-  
12 titles [A and B] of title V;

13 (F) uniform administrative procedures as  
14 specified in section 1126;

15 (G) the imposition of employer and individ-  
16 ual responsibilities as specified in part 1 of sub-  
17 title D;

18 (H) the establishment of the subsidy pro-  
19 gram described in \_\_\_\_; and

20 (I) health care cost containment provisions.

21 (c) QUALIFICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDS.—For  
22 purposes of this Act, A State with an approved State pro-  
23 gram under this section shall be considered a participating  
24 State.

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1 (d) EMPLOYER CERTIFICATION PROCESS.—In the  
2 case of any multistate self-insured health plan, certifi-  
3 cation by the <sup>Plan to the</sup> Secretary of Labor that such plan is in com-  
4 pliance with the Federal standards described in subsection  
5 (b) shall satisfy compliance with any State program ap-  
6 proved under this section.

7 (e) FINANCING SOURCE.—To be supplied and placed  
8 in revenue provisions.

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1 (2) PAYMENT AMOUNTS.—In the case of emer-  
2 gency and urgent care provided to an enrollee out-  
3 side of a standard health plan's community rating  
4 area, the payment amounts of the plan shall be  
5 based on the applicable fee schedule described in  
6 subsection (e).

7 (e) APPLICATION OF FEE SCHEDULE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2)  
9 and (3), each standard health plan that provides for  
10 payment for services on a fee-for-service basis and  
11 has not established an agreement or contractual ar-  
12 rangement with providers specifying a basis for pay-  
13 ment shall make such payment to such providers  
14 under a fee schedule established by the plan.

15 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the  
16 paragraph (1) shall be construed to prevent a stand-  
17 ard health plan from providing for a different basis  
18 or level of payment than the fee schedule established  
19 under such paragraph as part of a contractual  
20 agreement with participating providers under the  
21 plan.

22 (3) REDUCTION FOR PROVIDERS VOLUNTARILY  
23 REDUCING CHARGES.—If a provider under a stand-  
24 ard health plan voluntarily agrees to reduce the  
25 amount charged to an individual enrolled under the



1 plan, the plan shall reduce the amount otherwise de-  
2 termined under the fee schedule applicable under  
3 paragraph (1) by the proportion of the reduction in  
4 such amount charged.

5 (f) ALLOWANCE OF BALANCE BILLING; REQUIRE-  
6 MENT OF DIRECT BILLING.—

7 (1) ALLOWANCE OF BALANCE BILLING.—A pro-  
8 vider may—

9 (A) accept a fee equal to the applicable  
10 payment amount under the applicable fee  
11 schedule under subsection (e), and in the case  
12 of such an assignment, receive reimbursement  
13 through electronic means; or

14 (B) not accept such an assignment, receive  
15 95 percent of such applicable payment amount,  
16 and charge or collect from an enrollee a fee in  
17 excess of such amount to the extent such fee  
18 does not exceed 15 percent of such amount.

19 (2) DIRECT BILLING.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—A provider may not  
21 charge or collect from an enrollee amounts that  
22 are payable by the standard health plan (includ-  
23 ing any cost-sharing reduction assistance pay-  
24 able by the plan) and shall submit charges to  
25 such plan in accordance with any applicable re-

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1           quirements of subtitle B of title V (relating to  
2           health information systems).

3           (B) PROHIBITION.—An individual or entity  
4           that performs ancillary health services, such as  
5           clinical laboratory services or other services as  
6           defined by the Secretary, may not present or  
7           cause to be presented, a claim, bill, or demand  
8           for payment to any person other than the indi-  
9           vidual receiving such services, or to the stand-  
10          ard health plan of the individual, except that  
11          the Secretary may by regulation establish ap-  
12          propriate exceptions to the requirement of this  
13          subparagraph.

14          (3) COVERAGE UNDER AGREEMENTS WITH  
15          PLANS.—The agreements or other arrangements en-  
16          tered into under section 1124(c)(2) between a stand-  
17          ard health plan and the health care providers provid-  
18          ing the standard benefits package or the alternative  
19          standard benefits package to individuals enrolled  
20          with the plan shall prohibit a provider from engag-  
21          ing in balance billing described in paragraph (1).

22          (4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
23          Act shall be construed to—

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1 (A) require or force an individual to re-  
2 ceive health care solely through the individual's  
3 standard health plan; or

4 (B) prohibit any individual from privately  
5 contracting with any health care provider and  
6 paying for the treatment or service provider by  
7 such provider on a cash basis or any other basis  
8 as agreed to between the individual and the  
9 provider.

10 (g) PROVIDERS OUTSIDE AREA.—A State may not  
11 limit the ability of any plan to contract with a provider  
12 of health services located outside of the geographic bound-  
13 aries of a community rating area or the State, so long  
14 as the provider is authorized under State law to provide  
15 such services.

16 **SEC. 1130. HEALTH SECURITY CARDS.**

17 Each standard health plan shall issue a health secu-  
18 rity card to each individual enrolled in such plan in accord-  
19 ance with subtitle B of title V and regulations promul-  
20 gated by the Board.

21 **SEC. 1131. UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS AND**  
22 **PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE PLANS.**

23 (a) **REQUIRING CONSUMER DISCLOSURE.**—Each  
24 standard health plan shall disclose to enrollees (and pro-  
25 spective enrollees) and providers, the protocols and finan-

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1 cial incentives used by the plan, including utilization man-  
2 agement protocols and physician incentive plans (as de-  
3 fined in subsection (b)), for controlling utilization and  
4 costs.

5 (b) UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT.—Each standard  
6 health plan shall provide that all treatment assessment  
7 and placement decisions, or review of such decisions, shall  
8 be made by personnel—

9 (1) licensed, certified or otherwise credentialed  
10 by the State in the field for which the assessment  
11 or treatment is sought; and

12 (2) qualified to review utilization of the specific  
13 treatment delivered.

14 (c) PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE PLAN DEFINED.—As used  
15 in this section, the term “physician incentive plan” means  
16 any compensation arrangement between a standard health  
17 plan, a utilization management organization or other orga-  
18 nization, and a physician or physician group that may di-  
19 rectly or indirectly have the effect of reducing or limiting  
20 services provided with respect to individuals enrolled with  
21 the organization.

22 (d) LIMITATIONS ON PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE  
23 PLANS.—A standard health plan, or any provider or group  
24 of providers with whom the health plan contracts, may not  
25 operate a physician incentive plan (as defined in sub-

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1 section (c)) unless the following requirements are complied  
2 with:

3 (1) The physician incentive plan provides that  
4 no specific payment may be made directly or indi-  
5 rectly under the plan to a physician or physician  
6 group or utilization management organization as an  
7 inducement to reduce or limit medically necessary or  
8 appropriate services provided to individuals enrolled  
9 with the organization.

10 (2) If the standard health plan places a physi-  
11 cian or physician group at financial risk for services  
12 not provided by the physician or physician group,  
13 the physician incentive plan shall provide stop-loss  
14 protection for the physician or physician group that  
15 is adequate and appropriate, based on standards de-  
16 veloped by the Board that take into account the  
17 number of physicians placed at such financial risk in  
18 the group or under the plan and the number of indi-  
19 viduals enrolled with the organization who receive  
20 services from the physician or the physician group.

21 (3) The standard health plan and any physician  
22 or physician group with whom the health plan con-  
23 tracts shall provide the Board with descriptive infor-  
24 mation regarding the physician incentive plan, suffi-  
25 cient to permit the Board to determine whether the

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1 plan is in compliance with the requirements of this  
2 subsection.

3 **PART 4—SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS**

4 **PLANS**

5 **SEC. 1141. SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS PLANS.**

6 (a) TREATMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH BENE-  
7 FITS PLANS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act may be  
9 construed as preventing a standard health plan  
10 sponsor from offering and pricing (in a manner that  
11 is separate from the offering and pricing of the  
12 standard health plans offered by such sponsor in the  
13 community rating area) supplemental health benefits  
14 plans pursuant to the State certification plan, the  
15 requirements of this section, and regulations promul-  
16 gated by the Board.

17 (2) PLANS DEFINED.—In this Act—

18 (A) SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS  
19 PLAN.—The term “supplemental health benefits  
20 plan” means a supplemental services plan or a  
21 cost-sharing plan.

22 (B) SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES PLAN.—  
23 The term “supplemental services plan” means a  
24 health plan which provides—

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1 (i) coverage for services and items not  
2 included in the standard benefits package  
3 or the alternative standard benefits pack-  
4 age established under subtitle C,

5 (ii) coverage for items and services in-  
6 cluded in such package but not covered be-  
7 cause of a limitation in amount, duration,  
8 or scope of benefits, or

9 (iii) both.

10 (C) COST-SHARING PLAN.—The term  
11 “cost-sharing plan” means a health plan which  
12 provides coverage for deductibles and coinsur-  
13 ance imposed as part of the standard benefits  
14 package established under subtitle C.

15 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES  
16 PLANS.—

17 (1) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN HEALTH PLAN  
18 STANDARDS.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The standards specified  
20 in subparagraph (B) shall apply with respect to  
21 each supplemental services plan in the same  
22 manner as such standards apply with respect to  
23 a certified standard health plan.

1 (B) SPECIFIED STANDARDS.—The stand-  
2 ards specified in this subparagraph are as fol-  
3 lows:

4 (i) Section 1111 (relating to guaran-  
5 teed issue, availability, and renewability).

6 (ii) Section 1112 (relating to enroll-  
7 ment).

8 (iii) Section 1114 (relating to non-  
9 discrimination based on health status).

10 (iv) Section 1116 (relating to rating  
11 limitations for community-rated market).

12 (2) NO DUPLICATIVE HEALTH BENEFITS.—A  
13 standard health plan sponsor or any other entity  
14 may not offer any supplemental services plan that—

15 (A) duplicates the standard benefits pack-  
16 age,

17 (B) is linked in any manner to the plan's  
18 standard benefits package; or

19 (C) duplicates any coverage provided under  
20 the medicare program to any medicare-eligible  
21 individual.

22 (3) RESTRICTIONS ON MARKETING ABUSES.—  
23 Not later than May 1, 1995, the Secretary shall de-  
24 velop minimum standards that prohibit marketing  
25 practices by standard health plan sponsors and other

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1 entities offering supplemental services plans that in-  
2 volve:

3 (A) Providing monetary incentives for, or  
4 tying or otherwise conditioning, the sale of the  
5 plan to enrollees in a certified standard health  
6 plan of the sponsor or entity.

7 (B) Using or disclosing to any party infor-  
8 mation about the health status or claims experi-  
9 ence of participants in a certified standard  
10 health plan for the purpose of marketing a sup-  
11 plemental services plan.

12 (c) TREATMENT OF COST-SHARING PLANS.—

13 (1) RULES FOR OFFERING OF POLICIES.—A  
14 cost-sharing plan may be offered to an individual  
15 only if—

16 (A) the plan is offered by the standard  
17 health plan in which the individual is enrolled;

18 (B) the standard health plan offers the  
19 plan to all individuals enrolled in the standard  
20 health plan; and

21 (C) the plan is offered only during the an-  
22 nual open enrollment period for standard health  
23 plans (described in section 1503).

24 (2) PROHIBITION OF COVERAGE OF  
25 COPAYMENTS.—Each cost-sharing plan may not pro-

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1       vide any benefits relating to any copayments estab-  
2       lished under subtitle C.

3           (3) EQUIVALENT COVERAGE FOR ALL SERV-  
4       ICES.—Each cost-sharing plan shall provide coverage  
5       for items and services in the standard benefits pack-  
6       age to the same extent as the plan provides coverage  
7       for all items and services in the package.

8           (4) REQUIREMENTS FOR PRICING.—

9           (A) IN GENERAL.—The price of any cost-  
10       sharing plan shall—

11           (i) be the same for each individual to  
12       whom the plan is offered;

13           (ii) take into account any expected in-  
14       crease in utilization resulting from the pur-  
15       chase of the plan by individuals enrolled in  
16       the standard health plan; and

17           (iii) not result in a loss-ratio of less  
18       than 90 percent.

19           (B) LOSS-RATIO DEFINED.—In subpara-  
20       graph (A)(iii), a “loss-ratio” is the ratio of the  
21       premium returned to the consumer in payout  
22       relative to the total premium collected.