

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5652

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for coverage by high deductible health plans of medical management of a chronic disease without deductible.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 7, 2016

Mrs. BLACK (for herself and Mr. BLUMENAUER) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Access to Better Care  
5 Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION FOR COVERAGE BY HIGH DEDUCTIBLE**  
2 **HEALTH PLANS OF MEDICAL MANAGEMENT**  
3 **OF A CHRONIC DISEASE WITHOUT DEDUCT-**  
4 **IBLE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 223(c)(2) of the Internal  
6 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end  
7 the following new subparagraph:

8 “(E) SAFE HARBOR FOR ABSENCE OF  
9 MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF A CHRONIC DISEASE  
10 DEDUCTIBLE.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A plan shall not  
12 fail to be treated as a high deductible  
13 health plan by reason of failing to have a  
14 deductible for medical management of a  
15 chronic disease.

16 “(ii) DEFINITION OF MEDICAL MAN-  
17 AGEMENT OF A CHRONIC DISEASE.—

18 “(I) IN GENERAL.—For purposes  
19 of this subparagraph, the term ‘med-  
20 ical management of a chronic disease’  
21 means, except as otherwise provided  
22 by the Secretary, medical care de-  
23 scribed in section 213(d)(1)(A) which  
24 has the primary purpose of managing  
25 a chronic condition or disease by pre-  
26 venting the onset of, further deterio-

1                   ration from, or complications associ-  
2                   ated with such chronic condition or  
3                   disease.

4                   “(II) CHRONIC CONDITION OR  
5                   DISEASE.—The term ‘chronic condi-  
6                   tion or disease’ means a condition or  
7                   disease that is expected to last for  
8                   more than one year, limits what a per-  
9                   son can do, and requires ongoing  
10                  medical monitoring.”.

11           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
12 this section shall apply to plan years beginning after the  
13 date of the enactment of this Act.

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