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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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”.
SEC. 2. PROVISION FOR COVERAGE BY HIGH DEDUCTIBLE
HEALTH PLANS OF MEDICAL MANAGEMENT
OF A CHRONIC DISEASE WITHOUT DEDUCTIBLE.

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

“(E) Safe harbor for absence of medical management of a chronic disease deductible.—

“(i) In general.—A plan shall not fail to be treated as a high deductible health plan by reason of failing to have a deductible for medical management of a chronic disease.

“(ii) Definition of medical management of a chronic disease.—

“(I) In general.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘medical management of a chronic disease’ means, except as otherwise provided by the Secretary, medical care described in section 213(d)(1)(A) which has the primary purpose of managing a chronic condition or disease by preventing the onset of, further deterio-
ration from, or complications associated with such chronic condition or disease.

“(II) CHRONIC CONDITION OR DISEASE.—The term ‘chronic condition or disease’ means a condition or disease that is expected to last for more than one year, limits what a person can do, and requires ongoing medical monitoring.”.

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