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11	Representative Farkas offered the following:
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13	Amendment (with directory and title amendments)
14	Between lines 571 and 572, insert:
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16	(a) Such optional coverage is not required to be offered
17	when substantially similar benefits are included in the contract
18	issued to the subscriber.
19	(b) This subsection does not require or prohibit the use
20	of a provider network.
21	(c) This subsection does not prohibit an organization from
22	requiring prior authorization for the benefits under this
23	subsection.
24	(d) This subsection does not apply to health maintenance
25	organizations issuing individual coverage to fewer than 50,000
26	members.
27	(e) This subsection shall take effect July 1, 2004.
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