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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 416, L.D. 597, Bill, “An Act To Inform Persons of the Options for the Treatment of Lyme Disease”

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the amendment in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 2, lines 1 to 3 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'4. Information on treatment alternatives for treating Lyme disease is available through Internet websites of organizations, including, but not limited to, the Mayo Clinic, Johns Hopkins Medicine, the Infectious Disease Society of America, the National Institutes of Health, WebMD, MaineLyme and Lyme Disease Association, Inc.'

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the provision that requires any health care provider that orders a laboratory test for the presence of Lyme disease to inform the patient that a negative test for Lyme disease does not necessarily mean that Lyme disease is not present and that if symptoms continue, the patient should contact a health care provider and inquire about the appropriateness of retesting or additional treatment.

Committee Amendment "A" directs the Department of Health and Human Services to include on its publicly accessible website information on treatment alternatives for Lyme disease that may be found on the Internet websites of listed organizations. This amendment expands the list of those organizations and removes specific website addresses.

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