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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to expand services provided at community health centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Health Center Service
5 Expansion and Provider Shortage Reduction Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY**
7 **HEALTH CENTERS.**

8 (a) **REQUIRED SERVICES.**—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 330(b)(1)(A)(i) of
2 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
3 254b(b)(1)(A)(i)) is amended—

4 (A) in subclause (IV), by striking “and” at
5 the end;

6 (B) in subclause (V), by adding “and” at
7 the end; and

8 (C) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(VI) behavioral and mental
10 health and substance use disorder
11 services; and”.

12 (2) CONFORMING CHANGE.—Section 330(b)(2)
13 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
14 254b(b)(2)(A)) is amended—

15 (A) by striking subparagraph (A); and

16 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B),
17 (C), and (D) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and
18 (C), respectively.”.

19 (b) ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR CERTAIN SERVICES.—
20 Section 10503(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable
21 Care Act (42 U.S.C. 254b-2(b)) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1)(F), by striking “and” at
23 the end;

24 (2) in paragraph (2)(H), by striking the period
25 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(3) to be transferred to the Secretary of
3 Health and Human Services to provide enhanced
4 funding to provide the services specified in subclause
5 (VI) of section 330(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Public Health
6 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(b)(1)(A)(i)),
7 \$700,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through
8 2028;

9 “(4) to be transferred to the Secretary of
10 Health and Human Services to provide enhanced
11 funding for health centers to expand their hours of
12 operation using funds under section 330 of the Pub-
13 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b),
14 \$250,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through
15 2028;

16 “(5) to be transferred to the Secretary of
17 Health and Human Services to provide enhanced
18 funding for new access points and expanded services
19 pursuant to section 330(e)(6) of the Public Health
20 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(e)(6)), \$150,000,000
21 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028; and”.

1 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF**
2 **CERTAIN NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS**
3 **MEMBERS.**

4 Section 10503(b) of the Patient Protection and Af-
5 fordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 254b-2(b)), as amended by
6 section 2(c), is further amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(6) to be transferred to the Secretary of
9 Health and Human Services to provide enhanced
10 funding to take appropriate measures under sub-
11 parts II and III of part D of title III of the Public
12 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254d et seq.) to in-
13 crease the number of National Health Service Corps
14 members who are primary care providers, behavioral
15 and mental health professionals, and dentists serving
16 in health professional shortage areas, \$480,000,000
17 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.”.