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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 26, 2017

Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. HARRIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Community Health Center and Primary Care Workforce Expansion Act of 2017”.

SEC. 2. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PROGRAM.

(a) In General.—Section 10503(b)(1) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 254b–2(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (E), by striking “; and”;

and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(F) $5,110,000,000 for fiscal year 2018;
“(G) $5,410,000,000 for fiscal year 2019;
“(H) $5,790,000,000 for fiscal year 2020;
“(I) $6,620,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;
“(J) $7,510,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;
“(K) $8,460,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;
“(L) $9,490,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;
“(M) $10,590,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;
“(N) $11,780,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;
“(O) $12,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;

and

“(P) for fiscal year 2028, and each subsequent fiscal year, the amount appropriated for the preceding fiscal year adjusted by the product of—
“(i) one plus the average percentage increase in costs incurred per patient served; and

“(ii) one plus the average percentage increase in the total number of patients served; and”.

(b) CAPITAL PROJECTS.—In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated under section 10503(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 254b–2(b)), there is authorized to be appropriated, and there is appropriated, for the community health centers program under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b) for capital projects, $18,600,000,000 for fiscal year 2017.

(c) LIMITATION.—Amounts otherwise appropriated for community health centers may not be reduced as a result of the appropriations made under this section.

(d) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated under this section shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 3. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 10503(b)(2) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 254b–2(b)(2)) is amended—
(1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(F) $850,000,000 for fiscal year 2018;

“(G) $893,000,000 for fiscal year 2019;

“(H) $938,000,000 for fiscal year 2020;

“(I) $985,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;

“(J) $1,030,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

“(K) $1,090,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

“(L) $1,100,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

“(M) $1,200,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;

“(N) $1,300,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;

“(O) $1,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;

and

“(P) for fiscal year 2028, and each subsequent fiscal year, the amount appropriated for the preceding fiscal year adjusted by the product of—

“(i) one plus the average percentage increase in the costs of health professions education during the prior fiscal year; and

“(ii) one plus the average percentage change in the number of individuals resid-
ing in health professions shortage areas
designated under section 333 of the Public
Health Service Act during the prior fiscal
year, relative to the number of individuals
residing in such areas during the previous
fiscal year.”.

(b) LIMITATION.—Amounts otherwise appropriated
for National Health Service Corps may not be reduced as
a result of the appropriations made under this section.

(c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-
priated under this section shall remain available until ex-
pended.

SEC. 4. TEACHING HEALTH CENTERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 340H(g) of the Public
Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256h(g)) is amended—

(1) by striking “2015 and” and inserting
“2015,”; and

(2) by striking the period and inserting “,
$176,000,000 for fiscal years 2018 and 2019,
$184,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, $194,000,000 for
fiscal year 2021, $203,000,000 for fiscal year 2022,
$214,000,000 for fiscal year 2023, $224,000,000 for
fiscal year 2024, $235,000,000 for fiscal year 2025,
$247,000,000 for fiscal year 2026, $260,000,000 for
fiscal year 2027, and for fiscal year 2028, and each
subsequent fiscal year, the amount appropriated for
the preceding fiscal year adjusted by the greater of
the annual percentage increase in the medical care
component of the consumer price index for all urban
consumers (U.S. city average) as rounded up in an
appropriate manner, or the percentage increase for
the fiscal year involved under section 2(a)(11).”.

(b) LIMITATION.—Amounts otherwise appropriated
for Teaching Health Centers may not be reduced as a re-
result of the appropriations made under this section.

(c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-
priated under this section shall remain available until ex-
pended.

SEC. 5. NURSE PRACTITIONER RESIDENCY TRAINING PRO-
GRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5316 of the Patient Pro-
tection and Affordable Care Act is amended by striking
subsection (i) and inserting the following:

“(i) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts oth-
ervise appropriated, there is authorized to be appro-
piated, and there is appropriated to carry out this sec-
tion—

“(1) $35,000,000 for fiscal year 2018;
“(2) $40,000,000 for fiscal year 2019;
“(3) $45,000,000 for fiscal year 2020;
“(4) $50,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;
“(5) $55,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;
“(6) $60,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;
“(7) $65,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;
“(8) $70,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;
“(9) $75,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;
“(10) $80,000,000 for fiscal year 2027; and
“(11) for fiscal year 2028, and each subsequent fiscal year, the amount appropriated for the preceding fiscal year adjusted by the greater of the annual percentage increase in the medical care component of the consumer price index for all urban consumers (U.S. city average) as rounded up in an appropriate manner, or the percentage increase for the fiscal year involved under section 10503(b)(1)(P) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.”.

(b) LIMITATION.—Amounts otherwise appropriated for Nurse Practitioner Residency Training Programs may not be reduced as a result of the appropriations made under this section.

(c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated under this section shall remain available until expended.