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# H. R. 1643

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. NORTON, Mr. NADLER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. COHEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To establish a grant program that provides grants to States, Territories of the United States, and Indian tribes for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) programs, and for other purposes.

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 “PrEP Assistance Pro-  
5 gram Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS PROGRAM GRANT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and  
4 Human Services (in this Act referred to as the “Sec-  
5 retary”) shall establish a program that provides grants to  
6 States, Territories of the United States, and Indian tribes  
7 for the establishment and support of pre-exposure prophylaxis  
8 (in this Act referred to as “PrEP”) programs.

9 (b) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
10 under subsection (a), a State, Territory of the United  
11 States, or Indian tribe shall submit an application to the  
12 Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing  
13 such information as the Secretary may require, including  
14 a description of how any funds awarded will be used.

15 (c) AMOUNT.—Any grant provided to a State, Terri-  
16 tory of the United States, or Indian tribe under this sec-  
17 tion may not exceed \$5,000,000.

18 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—Any State, Territory of the  
19 United States, or Indian tribe that is awarded funds under  
20 subsection (a) shall use such funds for eligible PrEP ex-  
21 penses.

22 (e) ELIGIBLE PREP EXPENSES.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall publish  
24 a list of expenses that qualify as eligible PrEP ex-  
25 penses.

26 (2) INCLUSIONS.—Such list shall include—

1 (A) clinic and laboratory fees;

2 (B) PrEP medication;

3 (C) sexually transmitted disease testing in  
4 accordance with guidelines issued by the Cen-  
5 ters for Disease Control and Prevention;

6 (D) treatment adherence counseling;

7 (E) outreach activities directed toward  
8 high-risk populations that increase awareness  
9 about the existence of PrEP and provide edu-  
10 cation about access to and health care coverage  
11 of PrEP; and

12 (F) outreach activities directed toward  
13 physicians that provide education about PrEP.

14 (f) MATCHING.—Any State, Territory of the United  
15 States, or Indian tribe that receives a grant under sub-  
16 section (a) must contribute, to the programs established  
17 or supported by the grant, an amount equal to not less  
18 than 20 percent of the amount of the grant.

19 (g) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall, in  
20 each of the first five years beginning one year after the  
21 date of the enactment of this Act, submit to Congress,  
22 and make public on the Internet website of the Depart-  
23 ment of Health and Human Services, a report on the im-  
24 pact of any grants provided to States, Territories of the  
25 United States, and Indian tribes for the establishment and

1 support of pre-exposure prophylaxis programs under this  
2 Act.

3 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act  
5 \$50,000,000 for each of the first five fiscal years begin-  
6 ning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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