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# S. 2069

To expand the Medicaid certified community behavioral health clinic demonstration program and to authorize funding for additional grants to certified community behavioral health clinics.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 15, 2021

Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DAINES, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. ERNST, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To expand the Medicaid certified community behavioral health clinic demonstration program and to authorize funding for additional grants to certified community behavioral health clinics.

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 “Excellence in Mental  
5 Health and Addiction Treatment Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH**  
 2 **SERVICES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

3 Section 223 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act  
 4 of 2014 (42 U.S.C. 1396a note) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the  
 6 following new paragraph:

7 “(3) **PLANNING GRANTS FOR ADDITIONAL**  
 8 **STATES.**—In addition to the planning grants award-  
 9 ed under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall award  
 10 planning grants to States (other than States selected  
 11 to conduct demonstration programs under paragraph  
 12 (1) or (8) of subsection (d)) for the purpose of devel-  
 13 oping proposals to participate in time-limited dem-  
 14 onstration programs described in subsection (d).”;

15 (2) in subsection (d)—

16 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “Subject  
 17 to paragraph (8)” and inserting “Subject to  
 18 paragraphs (8) and (9)”;

19 (B) in paragraph (5)(C)(iii)(II), by insert-  
 20 ing “or paragraph (9)” after “paragraph (8)”;

21 (C) in paragraph (7)—

22 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting  
 23 “through the year in which the last dem-  
 24 onstration under this section ends” after  
 25 “annually thereafter”;

26 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (I) by striking “December 31,  
2 2021” and inserting “September 30,  
3 2023”; and

4 (II) by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing new sentence: “Such rec-  
6 ommendations shall include data col-  
7 lected after 2019.”; and

8 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing new subparagraph:

10 “(C) FINAL EVALUATION.—Not later than  
11 18 months after all demonstration programs  
12 under this section have ended, the Secretary  
13 shall submit to Congress a final evaluation of  
14 such programs.”; and

15 (D) by adding at the end the following new  
16 paragraph:

17 “(9) FURTHER ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS.—In  
18 addition to the States selected under paragraphs (1)  
19 and (8), the Secretary shall select any State that  
20 submits an application that includes such informa-  
21 tion as the Secretary shall require to conduct a dem-  
22 onstration program that meets the requirements of  
23 this subsection for 2 years or through September 30,  
24 2023, whichever is longer.”; and

1           (3) in subsection (f)(1)(B), by inserting “, and  
2           \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2021” before the period.

3 **SEC. 3. CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
4 **CLINIC EXPANSION GRANTS.**

5           Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 290dd et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
7 end the following:

8 **“SEC. 553. CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
9 **CLINIC EXPANSION GRANTS.**

10          “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary shall  
11 award grants to communities and community organiza-  
12 tions that meet the criteria for certified community behav-  
13 ioral health clinics under section 223(a) of the Protecting  
14 Access to Medicare Act A of 2014. Grants awarded under  
15 this subsection shall be for a period of not more than 5  
16 years.

17          “(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Assistant Sec-  
18 retary may provide appropriate information, training, and  
19 technical assistance through appropriate contract proce-  
20 dures to entities receiving grants under subsection (a), or  
21 to health or social service providers pursuing certified  
22 community behavioral health clinics status or partnering  
23 with certified community behavioral health clinics, State  
24 policymakers considering certified community behavioral  
25 health clinics implementation under the Medicaid pro-

1 gram, and other stakeholders to facilitate successful imple-  
2 mentation of the certification model.

3 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 “(1) GRANT PROGRAM.—For purposes of  
5 awarding grants under subsection (a), there is au-  
6 thorized to be appropriated \$500,000,000 for the pe-  
7 riod of fiscal years 2022 through 2024.

8 “(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—For purposes  
9 of carrying out the technical assistance program  
10 under subsection (b), there are authorized to be ap-  
11 propriated \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022  
12 through 2026.”.

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