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To provide for the development and dissemination of evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. ELLMERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Trafficking Awareness
5 Training for Health Care Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEVELOPMENT OF BEST PRACTICES.**

2 (a) GRANT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BEST PRAC-
3 TICES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
5 acting through the Administrator of the Agency for
6 Healthcare Research and Quality, shall award, on a com-
7 petitive basis, a grant to an eligible school under which
8 such school will—

9 (1) not later than 6 months after receipt of the
10 award, develop best practices for health care profes-
11 sionals—

12 (A) to recognize victims of a severe form of
13 trafficking; and

14 (B) to respond appropriately to such indi-
15 viduals;

16 (2) in developing best practices under para-
17 graph (1), survey, analyze, and evaluate existing
18 best practices that foster the practice of interprofes-
19 sional collaboration, including those used by indus-
20 tries other than the health care industry, to deter-
21 mine the extent to which such existing best practices
22 may be adapted for use as part of the best practices
23 under paragraph (1);

24 (3) develop curricula, training modules, or ma-
25 terials to train health care professionals on the best
26 practices developed under paragraph (1);

1 (4) not later than 12 months after the receipt
2 of the award, make a subgrant to one entity in each
3 of the 10 administrative regions of the Department
4 of Health and Human Services—

5 (A) to design, implement, and evaluate a
6 pilot program using the best practices developed
7 under paragraph (1) and the curricula, training
8 modules, or materials developed under para-
9 graph (3);

10 (B) to conduct the pilot program at one or
11 more eligible sites within the respective region,
12 which may include an eligible site that is a
13 school-based health center; and

14 (C) to complete the implementation and
15 evaluation of such pilot program with a period
16 of 6 months;

17 (5) not later than 24 months after the receipt
18 of the award, analyze the results of the pilot pro-
19 grams conducted through subgrants under para-
20 graph (4), including analyzing—

21 (A) changes in the acquired skills, knowl-
22 edge, and attitude of health care professionals
23 resulting from the implementation of the pro-
24 grams;

1 (B) the number of victims of a severe form
2 of trafficking who are recognized under the pro-
3 grams;

4 (C) of those recognized, the number who
5 received information or referrals for services of-
6 fered through the programs; and

7 (D) of those who received such information
8 or referrals—

9 (i) the number who participated in
10 followup services; and

11 (ii) the type of followup services re-
12 ceived;

13 (6) determine, using the results of the analysis
14 under paragraph (5), the extent to which the best
15 practices developed under paragraph (1) are evi-
16 dence-based; and

17 (7) submit a comprehensive assessment of the
18 pilot programs conducted through subgrants under
19 paragraph (4) to the Secretary of Health and
20 Human Services, including an identification of—

21 (A) the best practices that are determined
22 pursuant to paragraph (6) to be evidence-based;
23 and

24 (B) the best practices that are determined
25 pursuant to such paragraph to require further

1 review in order to determine whether they are
2 evidence-based.

3 (b) CONTENTS.—The best practices developed
4 through the grant awarded under subsection (a)—

5 (1) shall address—

6 (A) indicators to recognize victims of a se-
7 vere form of trafficking;

8 (B) application of Federal and State law
9 with respect to victims of a severe form of traf-
10 ficking;

11 (C) patient safety and security, including
12 the requirements of HIPAA privacy and secu-
13 rity law as applied to victims of a severe form
14 of trafficking;

15 (D) the management of medical records of
16 patients who are victims of a severe form of
17 trafficking;

18 (E) public and private social services avail-
19 able for rescue, food, clothing, and shelter refer-
20 rals;

21 (F) the hotlines for reporting human traf-
22 ficking maintained by the National Human
23 Trafficking Resource Center and the Depart-
24 ment of Homeland Security; and

1 (G) assessment tools for the identification
2 of victims of a severe form of trafficking; and

3 (2) shall not address patient medical treatment.

4 (c) DISSEMINATION.—Not later than 24 months after
5 the award of a grant to a school under subsection (a),
6 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting
7 through the Administrator of the Agency for Healthcare
8 Research and Quality, shall—

9 (1) post on the public website of the Depart-
10 ment of Health and Human Services the best prac-
11 tices that are identified by the school under subpara-
12 graphs (A) and (B) of subsection (a)(7); and

13 (2) disseminate to health care profession
14 schools the best practices identified by the school
15 under subsection (a)(7)(A) and evaluation results.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) The term “health care professional” means
19 a person employed by a health care provider who
20 provides to patients information (including informa-
21 tion not related to medical treatment), scheduling,
22 services, or referrals.

23 (2) The term “HIPAA privacy and security
24 law” has the meaning given to such term in section

1 3009 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
2 300jj–19).

3 (3) The term “victim of a severe form of traf-
4 ficking” has the meaning given to such term in sec-
5 tion 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act
6 of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).

7 (4) The term “eligible school” means an accred-
8 ited school of medicine or nursing with experience in
9 the study or treatment of victims of a severe form
10 of trafficking.

11 (5) The term “eligible site” means a health cen-
12 ter that is receiving assistance under section 330,
13 399Z–1, or 1001 of the Public Health Service Act
14 (42 U.S.C. 254b, 300).

15 **SEC. 4. NO ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-**
16 **TIONS.**

17 No additional funds are authorized to be appro-
18 priated to carry out this Act and the amendments made
19 by this Act, and this Act and such amendments shall be
20 carried out using amounts otherwise available for such
21 purpose.

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