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To provide for increased Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAHALL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To provide for increased Federal oversight of prescription opioid treatment and assistance to States in reducing opioid abuse, diversion, and deaths.

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 “Prescription Drug  
5 Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress makes the following findings:

1                   (1) Nonmedical use of prescription pain relievers is a matter of increasing public health concern.  
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3                   According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the proportion of all  
4                   substance abuse treatment admissions aged 12 or older that reported any pain reliever abuse increased  
5                   more than 400 percent between 1998 and 2008,  
6                   from 2.2 to 9.8 percent.  
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9                   (2) In 2008, among the population of the  
10                  United States aged 12 or older, nonmedical use of  
11                  prescription pain relievers was the second most prevalent type of illicit drug use, after marijuana use.  
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13                  (3) When used properly under medical supervision, prescription opiates enable individuals with  
14                  chronic pain to lead productive lives. However, when  
15                  taken without a physician's oversight and direction,  
16                  opiates can cause serious adverse health effects, resulting in dependence, abuse, and death.  
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19                  (4) As with any controlled substance, there is a  
20                  risk of abuse of methadone and other opiates.

21                  (5) Methadone is an extensively tested, federally  
22                  approved, and widely accepted method of treating  
23                  addiction to prescription pain relievers or opiates.

24                  (6) For more than 30 years, this synthetic pre-  
25                  scription drug has been used for pain management

1 and treatment for addiction to heroin, morphine,  
2 and other opioid drugs.

3 (7) The efficacy and lower cost of methadone  
4 has resulted in its being prescribed for pain manage-  
5 ment.

6 (8) Prescriptions for methadone have increased  
7 by nearly 700 percent from 1998 through 2006.

8 (9) According to the Centers for Disease Con-  
9 trol and Prevention, the number of poisoning deaths  
10 involving methadone increased nearly 7-fold from al-  
11 most 790 in 1999 to almost 5,420 in 2006, which  
12 is the most rapid increase among opioid analgesics  
13 and other narcotics involved in poisoning deaths.

14 (10) The age-specific rates of methadone death  
15 are higher for persons age 35 to 44 and 45 to 54  
16 than for other age groups. However, the rate of  
17 methadone deaths in younger individuals (age 15 to  
18 24) increased 11-fold from 1999 through 2005.

19 (11) Deaths from methadone and other opiates  
20 may actually be underreported. There is no com-  
21 prehensive database of drug-related deaths in the  
22 United States.

23 (12) The lack of standardized reporting by  
24 Medical Examiners precludes a uniform definition of  
25 “cause of death” on death certificates.

(13) The Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) requires that every person who dispenses or who proposes to dispense controlled narcotics, including methadone, whether for pain management or opioid treatment obtain a registration from Drug Enforcement Administration. Unfortunately there is no requirement as a condition of receiving the registration that these practitioners receive any education on the use of these controlled narcotics, including methadone.

## **17 SEC. 3. CONSUMER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.**

18       Part A of title V of the Public Health Service Act  
19 (42 U.S.C. 290aa et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
20 end the following:

## 21 "SEC. 506C. CONSUMER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall award grants to States and nonprofit entities for the purpose of conducting culturally sensitive consumer education about opioid abuse, including methadone abuse. Such education

1 shall include information on the dangers of opioid abuse,  
2 how to prevent opioid abuse including through safe dis-  
3 posal of prescription medications and other safety pre-  
4 cautions, and detection of early warning signs of addic-  
5 tion.

6       “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
7 under subsection (a), an entity shall—

8           “(1) be a State or nonprofit entity; and  
9           “(2) submit to the Administrator an application  
10          at such time, in such manner, and containing such  
11          information as the Administrator may require.

12       “(c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-  
13 tion, the Administrator shall give priority to applicants  
14 that are States or communities with a high incidence of  
15 abuse of methadone and other opioids, and opioid-related  
16 deaths.

17       “(d) EVALUATIONS.—The Administrator shall de-  
18 velop a process to evaluate the effectiveness of activities  
19 carried out by grantees under this section at reducing  
20 abuse of methadone and other opioids.

21       “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
22 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
23 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.”.

24 **SEC. 4. PRACTITIONER EDUCATION.**

25       (a) EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.—

1                             (1) REGISTRATION CONSIDERATION.—Section  
2                             303(f) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.  
3                             823(f)) is amended by inserting after paragraph (5)  
4                             the following:

5                             “(6) The applicant’s compliance with the train-  
6                             ing requirements described in subsection (g)(3) dur-  
7                             ing any previous period in which the applicant has  
8                             been subject to such training requirements.”.

9                             (2) TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 303(g)  
10                             of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(g))  
11                             is amended by adding at the end the following:

12                             “(3)(A) To be registered to prescribe or otherwise  
13                             dispense methadone or other opioids, a practitioner de-  
14                             scribed in paragraph (1) shall comply with the 16-hour  
15                             training requirement of subparagraph (B) at least once  
16                             during each 3-year period.

17                             “(B) The training requirement of this subparagraph  
18                             is that the practitioner has completed not less than 16  
19                             hours of training (through classroom situations, seminars  
20                             at professional society meetings, electronic communica-  
21                             tions, or otherwise) with respect to—

22                             “(i) the treatment and management of opioid-  
23                             dependent patients;

24                             “(ii) pain management treatment guidelines;  
25                             and

1               “(iii) early detection of opioid addiction, includ-  
2               ing through such methods as Screening, Brief Inter-  
3               vention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT),  
4               that is provided by the American Society of Addiction  
5               Medicine, the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry,  
6               the American Medical Association, the American Osteo-  
7               pathic Association, the American Psychiatric Association,  
8               the American Academy of Pain Management, the Amer-  
9               ican Pain Society, the American Academy of Pain Medi-  
10               cine, the American Board of Pain Medicine, the American  
11               Society of Interventional Pain Physicians, or any other or-  
12               ganization that the Secretary determines is appropriate  
13               for purposes of this subparagraph.”.

14               (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN OPIOID  
15               TREATMENT PROGRAMS.—Effective July 1, 2014, a phy-  
16               sician practicing in an opioid treatment program shall  
17               comply with the requirements of section 303(g)(3) of the  
18               Controlled Substances Act (as added by subsection (a))  
19               with respect to required minimum training at least once  
20               during each 3-year period.

21               (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “opioid  
22               treatment program” has the meaning given such term in  
23               section 8.2 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (or  
24               any successor regulation).

1       (d) FUNDING.—The Drug Enforcement Administra-  
2    tion shall fund the enforcement of the requirements speci-  
3    fied in section 303(g)(3) of the Controlled Substances Act  
4    (as added by subsection (a)) through the use of a portion  
5    of the licensing fees paid by controlled substance pre-  
6    scribers under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.  
7    801 et seq.).

8   **SEC. 5. MORATORIUM ON METHADONE HYDROCHLORIDE**

9                   **TABLETS.**

10      (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
11    sion of law, during the period beginning on the date of  
12    enactment of this Act and ending on the date described  
13    in subsection (b), no individual or entity may prescribe  
14    or otherwise dispense a 40-mg diskette of methadone un-  
15    less such prescription or dispensation is consistent with  
16    the methadone 40-mg diskette policy of the Drug Enforce-  
17    ment Administration as in effect on the date of enactment  
18    of this Act, except that such prohibition shall extend to  
19    hospitals unless such hospitals provide for direct patient  
20    supervision with respect to such methadone.

21      (b) ENDING DATE OF MORATORIUM.—The morato-  
22    rium under subsection (a) shall cease to have force and  
23    effect—

24                  (1) on the date that the Controlled Substances  
25    Clinical Standards Commission publishes in the Fed-

1       eral Register dosing guidelines for all forms of meth-  
2       adone, in accordance with section 506D(b)(1)(A) of  
3       the Public Health Service Act (as added by section  
4       7); and

5               (2) if, as part of such dosing guidelines, such  
6       Commission finds that 40-mg diskettes of metha-  
7       done are safe and clinically appropriate.

8 **SEC. 6. OPERATION OF OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS.**

9       Section 303 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
10 U.S.C. 823) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
11 lowing:

12               “(i)(1) An opioid treatment program that is reg-  
13 istered under this section, and that closes for business on  
14 any weekday or weekend day, including a Federal or State  
15 holiday, shall comply with the requirements of this sub-  
16 section.

17               “(2) The program shall make acceptable arrange-  
18 ments for each patient who is restricted, by Federal regu-  
19 lation or guideline or by the determination of the program  
20 medical director, from having a take home dose of a con-  
21 trolled substance related to the treatment involved, to re-  
22 ceive a dose of that substance under appropriate super-  
23 vision during the closure.

24               “(3) The Administrator of the Substance Abuse and  
25 Mental Health Services Administration shall issue a notice

1 that references regulations on acceptable arrangements  
2 under this subsection, or shall promulgate regulations on  
3 such acceptable arrangements.”.

4 **SEC. 7. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONTROLLED SUB-**  
5                   **STANCES CLINICAL STANDARDS COMMIS-**  
6                   **SION.**

7         Part A of title V of the Public Health Service Act  
8 (42 U.S.C. 290aa et seq.), as amended by section 3, is  
9 further amended by adding at the end the following:

10 **“SEC. 506D. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONTROLLED SUB-**  
11                   **STANCES CLINICAL STANDARDS COMMIS-**  
12                   **SION.**

13         “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a  
14 Controlled Substances Clinical Standards Commission (re-  
15 ferred to in this section as the ‘Commission’), to be com-  
16 posed of representatives from the Administration, the Cen-  
17 ters for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and  
18 Drug Administration, the Pain Management Consortia of  
19 the National Institutes of Health, and other agencies that  
20 the Secretary may deem necessary, to develop—

21                 “(1) appropriate and safe dosing guidelines for  
22                 all forms of methadone, including recommendations  
23                 for maximum daily doses of all forms as provided for  
24                 in subsection (b)(1);

1           “(2) benchmark guidelines for the reduction of  
2 methadone abuse, as provided for in subsection  
3 (b)(2);

4           “(3) appropriate conversion factors for use by  
5 health care providers in transitioning patients from  
6 one opioid to another;

7           “(4) specific guidelines for initiating pain man-  
8 agement with methadone that prescribing practi-  
9 tioners shall comply with in order to meet certifi-  
10 cation requirements set forth in part C of the Con-  
11 trolled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 821 et seq.); and

12           “(5) patient and practitioner education guide-  
13 lines for both methadone maintenance therapy and  
14 pain management that apply to safe and effective  
15 use and include detoxification.

16           “(b) GUIDELINES.—

17           “(1) PUBLICATION OF DOSING GUIDELINES.—

18           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years  
19 after the date of enactment of this section, the  
20 Commission established under subsection (a)  
21 shall publish in the Federal Register—

22           “(i) safe and clinically appropriate  
23 dosing guidelines for all forms of metha-  
24 done used for both pain management and  
25 opioid treatment programs, including rec-

1                   ommendations for maximum daily doses of  
2                   all forms, including recommendations for  
3                   the induction process for patients who are  
4                   newly prescribed methadone;

5                   “(ii) requirements for individual pa-  
6                   tient care plans, including initial and fol-  
7                   low-up patient physical examination guide-  
8                   lines, and recommendations for screening  
9                   patients for chronic or acute medical condi-  
10                  tions that may cause an immediate and ad-  
11                  verse reaction to methadone;

12                  “(iii) appropriate conversion factors  
13                  for use by health care providers in  
14                  transitioning patients from one opioid to  
15                  another;

16                  “(iv) specific guidelines for initiating  
17                  pain management with methadone, that  
18                  prescribing physicians or other clinicians  
19                  shall comply with in order to meet Drug  
20                  Enforcement Administration certification  
21                  and re-certification requirements; and

22                  “(v) consensus guidelines for pain  
23                  management with prescription opioid  
24                  drugs.

1                 “(B) UPDATING OF GUIDELINES.—Not  
2                 later than 3 years after the publication of  
3                 guidelines under subparagraph (A), and at least  
4                 every 3 years thereafter, the Commission shall  
5                 update such guidelines.

6                 “(2) PUBLICATION OF BENCHMARK GUIDE-  
7                 LINES.—

8                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years  
9                 after the date of enactment of this section, the  
10                 Commission established under subsection (a)  
11                 shall publish in the Federal Register—

12                 “(i) the initial benchmark guidelines  
13                 for the reduction of methadone abuse to be  
14                 used—

15                 “(I) by opioid treatment pro-  
16                 grams in providing methadone ther-  
17                 apy; and

18                 “(II) by entities in the initial ac-  
19                 creditation or certification, and the re-  
20                 accreditation and re-certification, of  
21                 such opioid treatment programs;

22                 “(ii) a model policy for dispensing  
23                 methadone to be used by pharmacists that  
24                 dispense methadone, which should include

1                   education and training guidelines for such  
2                   pharmacists;

3                   “(iii) the continuing education guide-  
4                   lines that all prescribers shall comply with  
5                   in order to meet Drug Enforcement Ad-  
6                   ministration certification and re-certifi-  
7                   cation requirements, as set forth in section  
8                   303(g)(3) of the Controlled Substances Act  
9                   (21 U.S.C. 823(g)(3)), which should in-  
10                  clude a minimum of 16 training hours at  
11                  least every 3 years that include the inte-  
12                  gration of both addiction and pain man-  
13                  agement curricula; and

14                  “(iv) patient education guidelines for  
15                  both opioid treatment programs and pain  
16                  management, including recommendations  
17                  for patient counseling prior to and during  
18                  opioid addiction treatment or treatment for  
19                  pain.

20                  “(B) UPDATING OF GUIDELINES.—Not  
21                  later than 1 year after the publication of guide-  
22                  lines under subparagraph (A), and at least an-  
23                  nually thereafter, the Commission shall update  
24                  the guidelines published under clauses (iii) and  
25                  (iv) of such subparagraph.

1           “(3) CONSULTATION.—In developing and pub-  
2       lishing the guidelines under this section, the Com-  
3       mission shall consult with relevant professional orga-  
4       nizations with expertise in the area of addiction, rel-  
5       evant professional organizations with expertise in the  
6       area of pain management, physician groups, phar-  
7       macy groups (including the National Association of  
8       Boards of Pharmacy), patient representatives, and  
9       any other organization that the Secretary determines  
10      is appropriate for purposes of this section.

11          “(c) WEBSITE.—Not later than 180 days after the  
12     date of enactment of this section, the Commission shall  
13     establish and operate a Commission website.

14          “(d) METHADONE TOOLKIT.—Not later than 1 year  
15     after the date of enactment of this section, the Commis-  
16     sion shall establish, and distribute to practitioners that are  
17     registered to prescribe or otherwise dispense methadone,  
18     a methadone toolkit. The Commission shall make the com-  
19     ponents of the toolkit that are available in electronic form  
20     available on the Commission website.

21          “(e) PRACTITIONER EDUCATION PROGRAM.—The  
22     Commission shall develop a practitioner education pro-  
23     gram that shall be used for the practitioner education de-  
24     scribed in section 303(g)(3) of the Controlled Substances

1 Act, and shall make such program available to providers  
2 of such practitioner education.

3       “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
4 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
5 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years  
6 2014 through 2018.”.

7 **SEC. 8. PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM.**

8       Section 399O of the Public Health Service Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 280g–3) is amended—

10           (1) in subsection (d)(1), by inserting “(includ-  
11 ing prescribers of methadone)” after “dispensers”;

12           (2) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the  
13 following:

14           “(5) Subject to the requirements of section 543,  
15 the State shall, at the request of a Federal, State,  
16 or local officer whose duties include enforcing laws  
17 relating to drugs, provide to such officer information  
18 from the database relating to an individual who is  
19 the subject of an active drug-related investigation  
20 conducted by the officer’s employing government en-  
21 tity.”; and

22           (3) by striking subsection (n) and inserting the  
23 following:

1       “(n) APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be  
2 appropriated to carry out this section \$25,000,000 for  
3 each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.”.

4 **SEC. 9. MORTALITY REPORTING.**

5       Part A of title V of the Public Health Service Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 290aa et seq.), as amended by section 7, is  
7 further amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 506E. MORTALITY REPORTING.**

9       “(a) MODEL OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM MOR-  
10 TALITY REPORT.—

11       “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than July 1,  
12 2014, the Secretary, acting through the Adminis-  
13 trator, shall require that a Model Opioid Treatment  
14 Program Mortality Report be completed and sub-  
15 mitted to the Administrator for each individual who  
16 dies while receiving treatment in an opioid treatment  
17 program.

18       “(2) REQUIREMENT OF STATES THAT RECEIVE  
19 FUNDING FOR THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE MONI-  
20 TORING PROGRAM.—As a condition for receiving  
21 funds under section 399O, each State shall require  
22 that any individual who signs a death certificate  
23 where an opioid drug is detected in the body of the  
24 deceased, or where such drug is otherwise associated  
25 with the death, report such death to the Adminis-

1           trator by submitting a Model Opioid Treatment Pro-  
2           gram Mortality Report described in paragraph (3).  
3           Such report shall be submitted to the Administrator  
4           on or before the later of—

5                 “(A) 90 days after the date of signing the  
6                 death certificate; or

7                 “(B) as soon as practicable after the date  
8                 on which the necessary postmortem and toxici-  
9                 cology reports become available to such indi-  
10                 vidual, as required by the Secretary.

11           “(3) DEVELOPMENT.—The Administrator, in  
12           consultation with State and local medical examiners,  
13           prescribing physicians, hospitals, and any other or-  
14           ganization that the Administrator determines appro-  
15           priate, shall develop a Model Opioid Treatment Pro-  
16           gram Mortality Report to be used under paragraphs  
17           (1) and (2).

18           “(b) NATIONAL OPIOID DEATH REGISTRY.—

19                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than July 1,  
20                 2014, the Administrator shall establish and imple-  
21                 ment, through the National Center for Health Sta-  
22                 tistics, a National Opioid Death Registry (referred  
23                 to in this subsection as the ‘Registry’) to track  
24                 opioid-related deaths and information related to such  
25                 deaths.

1                 “(2) CONSULTATION.—In establishing the uni-  
2 form reporting criteria for the Registry, the Director  
3 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
4 shall consult with the Administrator, State and local  
5 medical examiners, prescribing physicians, hospitals,  
6 and any other organization that the Director deter-  
7 mines is appropriate for purposes of this subsection.

8                 “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—The registry shall be  
9 designed as a uniform reporting system for opioid-  
10 related deaths and shall require the reporting of in-  
11 formation with respect to such deaths, including—

12                 “(A) the particular drug formulation used  
13 at the time of death;

14                 “(B) the dosage level;

15                 “(C) a description of the circumstances  
16 surrounding the death in relation to the rec-  
17 ommended dosage involved;

18                 “(D) a disclosure of whether the medica-  
19 tion involved can be traced back to a physi-  
20 cian’s prescription;

21                 “(E) a disclosure of whether the individual  
22 was in an opioid treatment program at the time  
23 of death;

24                 “(F) the age and sex of the individual; and

1                 “(G) other non-personal information such  
2                 as that included in filed National Association of  
3                 Medical Examiners Pediatric Toxicology Reg-  
4                 istry case reports as required under the privacy  
5                 standard for the de-identification of health in-  
6                 formation pursuant to the regulations contained  
7                 in part 164 of title 45, Code of Federal Regula-  
8                 tions.

9                 “(4) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to  
10                 be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
11                 2014 through 2018 to carry out this subsection.

12                 “(c) REPORT ON REGISTRY INFORMATION.—Not  
13                 later than the January 1 of the first fiscal year beginning  
14                 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, and  
15                 each January 1 thereafter, the Director of the Centers for  
16                 Disease Control and Prevention shall submit to the Sec-  
17                 retary a report, based on information contained in the  
18                 Registry described in subsection (b), concerning the num-  
19                 ber of methadone-related deaths in the United States for  
20                 the year for which the report is submitted.”.

21 **SEC. 10. ADDITIONAL REPORTING.**

22                 Part A of title V of the Public Health Service Act  
23                 (42 U.S.C. 290aa et seq.), as amended by section 9, is  
24                 further amended by adding at the end the following:

1   **“SEC. 506F. ADDITIONAL REPORTING.**

2       “(a) REPORT ON METHADONE USAGE.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1  
4           of the first fiscal year beginning 2 years after the  
5           date of enactment of this section, and each January  
6           1 thereafter, the Administrator and the Commis-  
7           sioner of Food and Drugs shall submit to the Sec-  
8           etary a report containing detailed statistics on  
9           methadone usage for opioid treatment and pain  
10          management. Such statistics shall include—11              “(A) information on the distribution of  
12              prescribed doses of methadone at federally  
13              qualified health centers, opioid treatment clin-  
14              ics, other health-related clinics, physician of-  
15              fices, pharmacies, and hospitals; and16              “(B) information relating to adverse health  
17              events resulting from such methadone usage.18           “(2) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—The  
19           Secretary shall make the reports submitted under  
20           paragraph (1) available to the general public, includ-  
21           ing through the use of the Internet website of the  
22           Department of Health and Human Services.23           “(b) ANNUAL REPORT ON EFFECTIVENESS.—Not  
24          later than September 30, 2014, and annually thereafter  
25          until September 30, 2016, the Secretary shall submit to  
26          the appropriate committees of Congress, a report con-

1 cerning the effectiveness of the methadone maintenance  
2 therapy program. Such report shall evaluate the success  
3 of efforts to reduce opioid addiction and methadone-re-  
4 lated deaths, including the impact of health care provider  
5 and patient education.

6       “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
7 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
8 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years  
9 2014 through 2018.”.

10 **SEC. 11. DEVELOPMENT OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE**  
11                   **PREVENTION AND TREATMENT QUALITY**  
12                   **MEASURES ACROSS EACH RELEVANT PRO-**  
13                   **VIDER SETTING.**

14       Subpart I of part D of title IX of the Public Health  
15 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 299b-31 et seq.) is amended by  
16 adding at the end the following:

17 **“SEC. 932. DEVELOPMENT OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE**  
18                   **PREVENTION AND TREATMENT QUALITY**  
19                   **MEASURES ACROSS EACH RELEVANT PRO-**  
20                   **VIDER SETTING.**

21       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through  
22 the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and  
23 Quality and in consultation with the Director of the Cen-  
24 ters for Disease Control and Prevention, the Adminis-  
25 trator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

1 Administration, and the Director of the Centers for Medi-  
2 care & Medicaid Services, shall require the development  
3 and application of specific prescription drug abuse preven-  
4 tion and treatment quality measures for each relevant  
5 health care provider setting, as identified by the Director.

6       “(b) DISSEMINATION.—Not later than April 1, 2016,  
7 the Secretary shall disseminate the quality measure re-  
8 quirements developed under subsection (a) to all affected  
9 providers.

10       “(c) TYPES OF MEASURES.—Quality measures devel-  
11 oped under this section may be structure-oriented (such  
12 as the required presence of a hospital-based treatment  
13 program), process-oriented (such as requiring patients to  
14 be informed of the addictive qualities of the medication  
15 being prescribed), or outcome-oriented (such as assessing  
16 family satisfaction with care).”.

