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To amend the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (PAMA) to extend and expand the Medicaid community mental health services demonstration program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI (for herself and Mr. LANCE) 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 “Extend Excellence in
5 Mental Health Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF MEDICAID COMMU-**
2 **NITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DEM-**
3 **ONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section 223(d)
5 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (Public
6 Law 113–93; 42 U.S.C. 1396a note) is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 “(3) NUMBER AND LENGTH OF DEMONSTRA-
9 TION PROGRAMS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
11 subparagraphs (B) and (C), not more than 8
12 States shall be selected for 2-year demonstra-
13 tion programs under this subsection.

14 “(B) THREE-YEAR EXTENSION.—A State
15 selected to participate in the demonstration
16 project under this subsection shall, upon the re-
17 quest of the State, be permitted to continue to
18 participate in the demonstration project for an
19 additional 3-year period, if the Secretary makes
20 the determination specified in subparagraph
21 (D) with respect to the State. The Secretary
22 shall provide each such State with notice of that
23 determination.

24 “(C) EXPANSION TO ADDITIONAL
25 STATES.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
2 may expand the number of eligible States
3 participating in the demonstration project,
4 if, with respect to any such State, the Sec-
5 retary makes the determination specified in
6 subparagraph (D). The period of the par-
7 ticipation of any such eligible State in the
8 demonstration project shall end on Decem-
9 ber 31, 2022, regardless of the date on
10 which the State begins participating in the
11 demonstration project.

12 “(ii) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary
13 shall provide each State that applies to be
14 added to the demonstration project under
15 this subsection with notice of the deter-
16 mination under subparagraph (D) and the
17 standards used to make such determina-
18 tion.

19 “(D) DETERMINATION.—The determina-
20 tion specified in this subparagraph is that the
21 Secretary determines that, in the case of a re-
22 quest under subparagraph (B) or an expansion
23 of the demonstration project under subpara-
24 graph (C)—

“(i) the continued participation of a State in the demonstration project under this subsection or an expansion of the project to any additional State (as applicable) will measurably improve access to, and participation in, services described in subsection (a)(2)(D) by individuals eligible for medical assistance under the State Medicaid program; and

“(ii) any such State is in full compliance with the reporting requirements under paragraph (7) and any quality reporting requirements established by the Secretary.”.

(b) CLARIFICATION CONCERNING COVERAGE OF CLINICAL VISITS.—Section 223(b) of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) SERVICES INCLUDED IN CLINICAL VISITS.—For purposes of implementing the guidance under paragraph (1), a ‘clinical visit’ shall include—

“(A) behavioral health services provided on-site;

“(B) services authorized under subsection (a)(2)(D) furnished outside the clinic in a com-

1 munity setting, including a homeless shelter,
2 penal facility, or other community setting (as
3 identified by the Secretary); and
4 “(C) telehealth services.”.

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