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# H. R. 5769

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access under the Medicare program to addiction treatment in Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2018

Mr. ROTHFUS (for himself and Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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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 “Expanding Access to  
5 Treatment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING ACCESS UNDER THE MEDICARE PRO-**  
2 **GRAM TO ADDICTION TREATMENT IN FEDER-**  
3 **ALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS AND**  
4 **RURAL HEALTH CLINICS.**

5 (a) **FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.—**  
6 Section 1834(o) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
7 1395m(o)) is amended by adding at the end the following  
8 new paragraph:

9 “(3) **ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN**  
10 **FQHCS WITH PRACTITIONERS RECEIVING DATA 2000**  
11 **CERTIFICATION.—**

12 “(A) **IN GENERAL.—**In the case of a Fed-  
13 erally qualified health center with respect to  
14 which, beginning January 1, 2019, Federally-  
15 qualified health center services (as defined in  
16 section 1861(aa)(3)) are furnished by a health  
17 care practitioner who first receives on or after  
18 such date a registration or waiver under section  
19 303(g) of the Controlled Substances Act to pre-  
20 scribe or dispense methadone, buprenorphine,  
21 or suboxone for the purpose of maintenance or  
22 detoxification treatment, the Secretary shall,  
23 subject to availability of funds under subpara-  
24 graph (B), make a payment (in accordance with  
25 such timing, method, and procedures as speci-  
26 fied by the Secretary) to such Federally quali-

1           fied health center in an amount determined by  
2           the Secretary, based on an approximation of the  
3           cost to receive training for purposes of such  
4           registration or waiver, as applicable. For pur-  
5           poses of the previous sentence, a Federally-  
6           qualified health center shall apply for a pay-  
7           ment described in such sentence at such time  
8           and in such manner as specified by the Sec-  
9           retary and may apply for such a payment for  
10          each practitioner furnishing such services at  
11          such center who is described in such sentence.

12                 “(B) FUNDING.—For purposes of making  
13           payments under this paragraph, there are ap-  
14           propriated, out of amounts in the Treasury not  
15           otherwise appropriated, \$6,000,000, which shall  
16           remain available until expended.”.

17          (b) RURAL HEALTH CLINIC.—Section 1833 of the  
18   Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l) is amended—

19                 (1) by redesignating the subsection (z) relating  
20           to medical review of spinal subluxation services as  
21           subsection (aa); and

22                 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
23           section:

1 “(bb) ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN RURAL  
2 HEALTH CLINICS WITH PRACTITIONERS RECEIVING  
3 DATA 2000 CERTIFICATION.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a rural  
5 health clinic with respect to which, beginning Janu-  
6 ary 1, 2019, rural health clinic services (as defined  
7 in section 1861(aa)(1)) are furnished by a health  
8 care practitioner who first receives on or after such  
9 date a registration or waiver under section 303(g) of  
10 the Controlled Substances Act to prescribe or dis-  
11 pense methadone, buprenorphine, or suboxone for  
12 the purpose of maintenance or detoxification treat-  
13 ment, the Secretary shall, subject to availability of  
14 funds under subparagraph (B), make a payment (in  
15 accordance with such timing, method, and proce-  
16 dures as specified by the Secretary) to such rural  
17 health clinic in an amount determined by the Sec-  
18 retary, based on an approximation of the cost to re-  
19 ceive training for purposes of such registration or  
20 waiver, as applicable. For purposes of the previous  
21 sentence, a rural health clinic shall apply for a pay-  
22 ment described in such sentence at such time and in  
23 such manner as specified by the Secretary and may  
24 apply for such a payment for each practitioner fur-

1 nishing such services at such clinic who is described  
2 in such sentence.

3 “(2) FUNDING.—For purposes of making pay-  
4 ments under this subsection, there are appropriated,  
5 out of amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appro-  
6 priated, \$2,000,000, which shall remain available  
7 until expended.”.

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