

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5432

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count toward the determination of full time equivalency for graduate medical education under the Medicare program time spent in an approved medical residency training program for training in culturally and linguistically appropriate care.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2019

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL (for herself and Ms. PORTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Medical Education for
3 a Diverse America Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TRAINING TOMORROW’S DOCTORS FOR CUL-**
5 **TURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPRO-**
6 **PRIATE CARE: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDU-**
7 **CATION.**

8 (a) DIRECT GME.—Section 1886(h)(4) of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 22 1395ww(h)(4)) is amended by
10 adding at the end the following new subparagraph :

11 “(L) TREATMENT OF CULTURAL COM-
12 PETENCY TRAINING.—In determining a hos-
13 pital’s number of full-time equivalent residents
14 for purposes of this subsection, all the time that
15 is spent by an intern or resident in an approved
16 medical residency training program for edu-
17 cation and training in cultural competency and
18 linguistically appropriate service delivery shall
19 be counted toward the determination of full
20 time equivalency.”.

21 (b) INDIRECT MEDICAL EDUCATION.—Section
22 1886(d)(5)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
23 1395ww(d)(5)(B)) is amended—

24 (1) by redesignating the clause (x) added by
25 section 5505(b) of the Patient Protection and Af-
26 fordable Care Act as clause (xi); and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new
2 clause:

3 “(xii) The provisions of subparagraph
4 (L) of subsection (h)(4) shall apply under
5 this subparagraph in the same manner as
6 they apply under such subsection.”.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply with respect to pay-
9 ments made to hospitals on or after the date that is one
10 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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