

1           **DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_—HEALTH**  
2                   **PROVISIONS**  
3           **TITLE I—PUBLIC HEALTH**  
4           **Subtitle A—National Disaster**  
5                   **Medical System**

6   **SEC. 101. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO MAKE CERTAIN**  
7                   **APPOINTMENTS FOR NATIONAL DISASTER**  
8                   **MEDICAL SYSTEM.**

9           Section 2812(c)(4)(B) of the Public Health Service  
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–11(c)(4)(B)) is amended by strik-  
11 ing “March 11, 2022” and inserting “September 30,  
12 2023”.

13           **Subtitle B—Synthetic Nicotine**

14   **SEC. 111. FDA AUTHORITY OVER PRODUCTS CONTAINING**  
15                   **NICOTINE.**

16           (a) **TOBACCO PRODUCT DEFINED.**—Section 201(rr)  
17 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.  
18 321(rr)) is amended—

19                   (1) in subparagraph (1), by inserting “, or con-  
20                   taining nicotine from any source,” after “from to-  
21                   bacco”; and

22                   (2) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(5) The term ‘tobacco product’ does not mean an  
2 article that is a food under paragraph (f), if such article  
3 contains no nicotine, or no more than trace amounts of  
4 naturally occurring nicotine.”.

5           (b) APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN PRODUCTS.—Sec-  
6 tion 901(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act  
7 (21 U.S.C. 387a(b)) is amended by adding at the end the  
8 following: “This chapter shall also apply to any tobacco  
9 product containing nicotine that is not made or derived  
10 from tobacco.”.

11          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect 30 days after the  
13 date of enactment of this Act.

14          (d) SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PREVIOUSLY  
15 MARKETED PRODUCTS.—

16           (1) TRANSITION PERIOD FOR ALL PRODUCTS.—

17           With respect to a tobacco product that contains nie-  
18 otine from any source other than tobacco and that  
19 was being marketed in the United States within 30  
20 days after the date of enactment of this Act, such  
21 product shall not be considered to be in violation of  
22 section 910 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-  
23 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 387j) (relating to applications  
24 for review of certain tobacco products) during the

1       60-day period following the date of enactment of this  
2       Act.

3               (2) SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS.—

4                       (A) IN GENERAL.—As a condition for con-  
5       tinuing to market a product described in para-  
6       graph (1) after the 60-day period specified in  
7       such paragraph, during the 30-day period be-  
8       ginning on the effective date specified in sub-  
9       section (c), the manufacturer shall submit a  
10      new tobacco product application under section  
11      910(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-  
12      metic Act (21 U.S.C. 387j(b)) with respect to  
13      such product.

14                      (B) TRANSITION PERIOD.—Except as pro-  
15      vided in subparagraph (C), with respect to a to-  
16      bacco product for which an application is sub-  
17      mitted as described in subparagraph (A), the  
18      manufacturer of such product may continue to  
19      market such product during the 90-day period  
20      beginning on the effective date specified in sub-  
21      section (c).

22                      (C) EXCEPTION.—If the Secretary of  
23      Health and Human Services previously denied  
24      an application under section 910(c)(2) of the  
25      Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21

1 U.S.C. 387j(c)(2)), refused to file an applica-  
2 tion under section 910(b) of such Act, or with-  
3 drew an order under section 910(d) of such Act  
4 for a previous version of a tobacco product that  
5 used nicotine made or derived from tobacco,  
6 such product is not eligible for continued mar-  
7 keting under subparagraph (B).

8 (3) END OF TRANSITION PERIOD.—Beginning  
9 on the date that is 90 days after the effective date  
10 specified in subsection (c), a tobacco product de-  
11 scribed in paragraph (1) (including such a tobacco  
12 product that is the subject of a pending application  
13 under section 910 of the Federal Food, Drug, and  
14 Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 387j)) is in violation of  
15 such section 910 if such tobacco product does not  
16 have an order in effect under subsection (c)(1)(A)(i)  
17 of such section.

18 (e) APPLICABILITY OF EXISTING REQUIREMENTS  
19 FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS.—Effective 30 days after the  
20 date of enactment of this Act, with respect to any regula-  
21 tion promulgated or related guidance issued, in whole or  
22 part, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act  
23 (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) before the date that is 30 days  
24 after such date of enactment, the term “tobacco product”  
25 shall have the meaning of, and shall be deemed amended

1 to reflect the meaning of, such term as defined in section  
2 201(rr) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21  
3 U.S.C. 321(rr)), as amended by subsection (a). Products  
4 that are tobacco products under such section 201(rr), as  
5 so amended, shall be subject to all requirements of regula-  
6 tions for tobacco products. The Secretary of Health and  
7 Human Services shall publish a notice in the Federal Reg-  
8 ister to update the Code of Federal Regulations to reflect  
9 such deemed amendment to existing regulations and guid-  
10 ance.

11 (f) TECHNICAL ACHIEVABILITY.—Section 907(b)(1)  
12 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.  
13 387g(b)(1)) is amended by inserting before the period at  
14 the end the following: “, including with regard to any dif-  
15 ferences related to the technical achievability of compli-  
16 ance with such standard for products in the same class  
17 containing nicotine not made or derived from tobacco and  
18 products containing nicotine made or derived from to-  
19 bacco”.

20 **SEC. 112. REPORTING ON TOBACCO REGULATION ACTIVI-**  
21 **TIES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2022 and each  
23 subsequent fiscal year for which fees are collected under  
24 section 919 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act  
25 (21 U.S.C. 387s), the Secretary of Health and Human

1 Services shall, not later than 180 days after the end of  
2 the fiscal year, prepare and submit to the Committee on  
3 Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Appropria-  
4 tions of the House of Representatives, and the Committee  
5 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Com-  
6 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate, an annual report  
7 that contains the information required under subsection  
8 (b).

9 (b) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—Each report sub-  
10 mitted under subsection (a) shall contain the following in-  
11 formation for the previous fiscal year:

12 (1) Total annual user fee collections.

13 (2) Total amount of fees obligated.

14 (3) The amount of unobligated carryover bal-  
15 ance from fees collected.

16 (4) The amount obligated by the Center for To-  
17 bacco Products for each of the following activities:

18 (A) Compliance and enforcement.

19 (B) Public education campaigns.

20 (C) Scientific research and research infra-  
21 structure.

22 (D) Communications.

23 (E) Leadership, management oversight,  
24 and administrative services.

25 (F) Related overhead activities.

1           (5) The numbers of applications, categorized by  
2           class of tobacco product and review pathway under  
3           sections 905, 910, and 911 of the Federal Food,  
4           Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 387e; 387j;  
5           387k), that were—

6                   (A) submitted;

7                   (B) pending;

8                   (C) accepted;

9                   (D) refused to file;

10                  (E) withdrawn;

11                  (F) denied;

12                  (G) authorized for marketing under an  
13           order;

14                  (H) issued a deficiency letter or environ-  
15           mental information request letter; or

16                  (I) referred to the Tobacco Products Sci-  
17           entific Advisory Committee.

18           (6) The number and titles of draft and final  
19           guidance documents and proposed and final regula-  
20           tions issued on topics related to the process for the  
21           review of tobacco product applications, whether such  
22           regulations and guidance documents were issued as  
23           required by statute or by other legal or regulatory  
24           requirements, and whether the issuance met the

1 deadlines set forth by the applicable statute or other  
2 requirements.

3 (7) The number and titles of public meetings  
4 related to the review of tobacco product applications  
5 by the Center for Tobacco Products or other offices  
6 or centers within the Food and Drug Administra-  
7 tion.

8 (8) The number of pre-submission meetings re-  
9 lating to applications under section 910 of the Fed-  
10 eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.  
11 387j), including the number of meeting requests re-  
12 ceived, the number of meetings held, and the median  
13 amount of time between when such meeting requests  
14 were made and when the requests were granted or  
15 denied.

16 (9) The number of full-time equivalent employ-  
17 ees funded pursuant to fees collected under section  
18 919 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act  
19 (21 U.S.C. 387s), including identification of the cen-  
20 ters and offices within the Food and Drug Adminis-  
21 tration in which such positions are located.

22 (10) The number of inspections and investiga-  
23 tions conducted at domestic and foreign establish-  
24 ments required to register under section 905 of the



1 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.  
2 387e).

3 (11) The total number of compliance and en-  
4 forcement actions issued or taken with respect to to-  
5 bacco products, including warning letters, civil  
6 money penalties, no-tobacco-sale orders, and other  
7 enforcement actions (including seizures, injunctions,  
8 and criminal prosecution).

9 (c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary of Health  
10 and Human Services shall make the reports required  
11 under this section available to the public on the website  
12 of the Food and Drug Administration.

13 (d) LIMITATIONS.—Reporting under this section shall  
14 include best estimates for any reporting category for which  
15 the Food and Drug Administration does not have precise  
16 calculations. Such best estimates shall be accompanied  
17 with an explanatory statement for why the Food and Drug  
18 Administration does not have access to, or cannot cal-  
19 culate, the exact figure and a date by which the Food and  
20 Drug Administration will update its internal accounting  
21 procedures to allow for such reporting. If a category is  
22 successfully reported by the Food and Drug Administra-  
23 tion with regard to another type of user fee but is provided  
24 a best estimate by the Center for Tobacco Products, the  
25 explanatory statement shall include information regarding

1 how the Food and Drug Administration will align systems  
2 and apply learning across the agency to allow for accurate  
3 reporting.

4 **Subtitle C—Drug Discount**  
5 **Program**

6 **SEC. 121. ELIGIBILITY EXCEPTION FOR THE DRUG DIS-**  
7 **COUNT PROGRAM DUE TO THE COVID-19**  
8 **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
10 sion of law, in the case of a hospital described in sub-  
11 section (b) that, with respect to cost reporting periods that  
12 begin during fiscal year 2020 or a subsequent fiscal year,  
13 but do not end after December 31, 2022, does not meet  
14 the applicable requirement for the disproportionate share  
15 adjustment percentage described in subsection (c) by rea-  
16 son of the COVID–19 public health emergency, but other-  
17 wise meets the requirements for being a covered entity  
18 under subparagraph (L), (M), or (O) of subsection (a)(4)  
19 of section 340B of the Public Health Service Act (42  
20 U.S.C. 256b) and is in compliance with all other require-  
21 ments of the program under such section, shall be deemed  
22 a covered entity for purposes of such section for the pe-  
23 riod—

24 (1) beginning on the date of the enactment of  
25 this Act (or, if later, with the first of such cost re-

1       porting periods for which the hospital does not so  
2       meet such applicable requirement for the dispropor-  
3       tionate share adjustment percentage, but otherwise  
4       meets all other such requirements for being such a  
5       covered entity and of such program); and

6               (2) ending with the last of such cost reporting  
7       periods (ending not later than December 31, 2022)  
8       for which the hospital does not so meet such applica-  
9       ble requirement for the disproportionate share ad-  
10      justment percentage, but otherwise meets all other  
11      such requirements for being such a covered entity  
12      and of such program.

13      (b) HOSPITALS.—A hospital described in this sub-  
14      section is an entity that, on the day before the first day  
15      of the COVID–19 public health emergency, was a covered  
16      entity described in subparagraph (L), (M), or (O) of sub-  
17      section (a)(4) of section 340B of the Public Health Service  
18      Act participating in the drug discount program under such  
19      section.

20      (c) APPLICABLE REQUIREMENT FOR DISPROPOR-  
21      TIONATE SHARE ADJUSTMENT PERCENTAGE.—The appli-  
22      cable requirement for the disproportionate share adjust-  
23      ment percentage described in this subsection is—

24               (1) in the case of a hospital described in sub-  
25      section (a) that otherwise meets the requirements

1 under subparagraph (L) or (M) of section  
2 340B(a)(4) of the Public Health Service Act, the re-  
3 quirement under subparagraph (L)(ii) of such sec-  
4 tion; and

5 (2) in the case of a hospital described in sub-  
6 section (a) that otherwise meets the requirements  
7 under subparagraph (O) of such section 340B(a)(4),  
8 the requirement with respect to the disproportionate  
9 share adjustment percentage described in such sub-  
10 paragraph (O).

11 (d) SELF-ATTESTATION.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—A hospital described in sub-  
13 section (a) that fails to meet the applicable require-  
14 ment for the disproportionate share adjustment per-  
15 centage described in subsection (c) shall, within 30  
16 days of such failure, or in the case of a hospital  
17 where such failure occurred prior to the date of en-  
18 actment of this Act but after the start of the  
19 COVID-19 public health emergency, within 30 days  
20 of the date of enactment, provide to the Secretary of  
21 Health and Human Services an attestation that con-  
22 tains information on any actions taken by or other  
23 impact on such hospital in response to or as a result  
24 of the COVID-19 public health emergency that may  
25 have impacted the ability to meet the applicable re-

1        requirement for the disproportionate share adjustment  
2        percentage described in subsection (c).

3            (2) PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT.—Chapter 35  
4        of title 44, United States Code, shall not apply to  
5        the collection of information provided pursuant to  
6        this subsection.

7        (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8            (1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-  
9        tity” has the meaning given such term in section  
10       340B(a)(4) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
11       U.S.C. 256b(a)(4)).

12           (2) COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—  
13       The term “COVID–19 public health emergency”  
14       means the public health emergency declared by the  
15       Secretary of Health and Human Services under sec-  
16       tion 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
17       U.S.C. 247d) on January 31, 2020, with respect to  
18       COVID–19 (or any renewal of such declaration).

1           **Subtitle D—Maternal Health**  
2                   **Quality Improvement**  
3           **CHAPTER 1—IMPROVEMENTS TO**  
4                   **MATERNAL HEALTH CARE**

5   **SEC. 131. INNOVATION FOR MATERNAL HEALTH.**

6           Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
7 241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 330N  
8 of such Act, the following:

9   **“SEC. 3300. INNOVATION FOR MATERNAL HEALTH.**

10           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation  
11 with experts representing a variety of clinical specialties,  
12 State, Tribal, or local public health officials, researchers,  
13 epidemiologists, statisticians, and community organiza-  
14 tions, shall establish or continue a program to award com-  
15 petitive grants to eligible entities for the purpose of—

16                   “(1) identifying, developing, or disseminating  
17 best practices to improve maternal health care qual-  
18 ity and outcomes, improve maternal and infant  
19 health, and eliminate preventable maternal mortality  
20 and severe maternal morbidity, which may include—

21                           “(A) information on evidence-based prac-  
22 tices to improve the quality and safety of ma-  
23 ternal health care in hospitals and other health  
24 care settings of a State or health care system  
25 by addressing topics commonly associated with

1 health complications or risks related to prenatal  
2 care, labor care, birthing, and postpartum care;

3 “(B) best practices for improving maternal  
4 health care based on data findings and reviews  
5 conducted by a State maternal mortality review  
6 committee that address topics of relevance to  
7 common complications or health risks related to  
8 prenatal care, labor care, birthing, and  
9 postpartum care; and

10 “(C) information on addressing deter-  
11 minants of health that impact maternal health  
12 outcomes for women before, during, and after  
13 pregnancy;

14 “(2) collaborating with State maternal mor-  
15 tality review committees to identify issues for the de-  
16 velopment and implementation of evidence-based  
17 practices to improve maternal health outcomes and  
18 reduce preventable maternal mortality and severe  
19 maternal morbidity, consistent with section 317K;

20 “(3) providing technical assistance and sup-  
21 porting the implementation of best practices identi-  
22 fied in paragraph (1) to entities providing health  
23 care services to pregnant and postpartum women;  
24 and

1           “(4) identifying, developing, and evaluating new  
2           models of care that improve maternal and infant  
3           health outcomes, which may include the integration  
4           of community-based services and clinical care.

5           “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible for a grant  
6           under subsection (a), an entity shall—

7           “(1) submit to the Secretary an application at  
8           such time, in such manner, and containing such in-  
9           formation as the Secretary may require; and

10           “(2) demonstrate in such application that the  
11           entity is capable of carrying out data-driven mater-  
12           nal safety and quality improvement initiatives in the  
13           areas of obstetrics and gynecology or maternal  
14           health.

15           “(c) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2025,  
16           and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit  
17           a report to Congress on the practices described in para-  
18           graphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a). Such report shall  
19           include a description of the extent to which such practices  
20           reduced preventable maternal mortality and severe mater-  
21           nal morbidity, and whether such practices improved ma-  
22           ternal and infant health. The Secretary shall disseminate  
23           information on such practices, as appropriate.

24           “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To  
25           carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-



1 priated \$9,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through  
2 2027.”.

3 **SEC. 132. TRAINING FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.**

4 Title VII of the Public Health Service Act is amended  
5 by striking section 763 (42 U.S.C. 294p) and inserting  
6 the following:

7 **“SEC. 763. TRAINING FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.**

8 “(a) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall estab-  
9 lish a program to award grants to accredited schools of  
10 allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, and nursing,  
11 and other health professional training programs for the  
12 training of health care professionals to improve the provi-  
13 sion of prenatal care, labor care, birthing, and postpartum  
14 care for racial and ethnic minority populations, including  
15 with respect to perceptions and biases that may affect the  
16 approach to, and provision of, care.

17 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant under  
18 subsection (a), an entity described in such subsection shall  
19 submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in  
20 such manner, and containing such information as the Sec-  
21 retary may require.

22 “(c) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

23 “(1) PERIODIC GRANTEE REPORTS.—Each enti-  
24 ty awarded a grant under this section shall periodi-  
25 cally submit to the Secretary a report on the status

1 of activities conducted using the grant, including a  
2 description of the impact of such training on patient  
3 outcomes, as applicable.

4 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
5 September 30, 2026, the Secretary shall submit a  
6 report to Congress on the activities conducted using  
7 grants under subsection (a) and any best practices  
8 identified and disseminated under subsection (d).

9 “(d) BEST PRACTICES.—The Secretary may identify  
10 and disseminate best practices for the training described  
11 in subsection (a).

12 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To  
13 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-  
14 priated \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through  
15 2027.”.

16 **SEC. 133. STUDY ON IMPROVING TRAINING FOR HEALTH**  
17 **CARE PROVIDERS.**

18 Not later than 2 years after date of enactment of this  
19 Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall,  
20 through a contract with an independent research organiza-  
21 tion, conduct a study and make recommendations for ac-  
22 credited schools of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medi-  
23 cine, and nursing, and other health professional training  
24 programs on best practices related to training to improve  
25 the provision of prenatal care, labor care, birthing, and

1 postpartum care for racial and ethnic minority popu-  
2 lations, including with respect to perceptions and biases  
3 that may affect the approach to, and provision of, care.

4 **SEC. 134. INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR PREGNANT AND**  
5 **POSTPARTUM WOMEN.**

6 (a) GRANTS.—Title III of the Public Health Service  
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after  
8 section 3300 of such Act, as added by section 131, the  
9 following:

10 **“SEC. 330P. INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR PREGNANT AND**  
11 **POSTPARTUM WOMEN.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants  
13 for the purpose of establishing or operating evidence-based  
14 or innovative, evidence-informed programs to deliver inte-  
15 grated health care services to pregnant and postpartum  
16 women to optimize the health of women and their infants,  
17 including to reduce adverse maternal health outcomes,  
18 pregnancy-related deaths, and related health disparities  
19 (including such disparities associated with racial and eth-  
20 nic minority populations), and, as appropriate, by address-  
21 ing issues researched under subsection (b)(2) of section  
22 317K.

23 “(b) INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR PREGNANT AND  
24 POSTPARTUM WOMEN.—

1           “(1) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a  
2           grant under subsection (a), a State, Indian Tribe, or  
3           Tribal organization (as such terms are defined in  
4           section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-  
5           cation Assistance Act) shall work with relevant  
6           stakeholders that coordinate care to develop and  
7           carry out the program, including—

8                   “(A) State, Tribal, and local agencies re-  
9                   sponsible for Medicaid, public health, social  
10                  services, mental health, and substance use dis-  
11                  order treatment and services;

12                  “(B) health care providers who serve preg-  
13                  nant and postpartum women; and

14                  “(C) community-based health organiza-  
15                  tions and health workers, including providers of  
16                  home visiting services and individuals rep-  
17                  resenting communities with disproportionately  
18                  high rates of maternal mortality and severe ma-  
19                  ternal morbidity, and including those rep-  
20                  resenting racial and ethnic minority popu-  
21                  lations.

22           “(2) TERMS.—

23                   “(A) PERIOD.—A grant awarded under  
24                   subsection (a) shall be made for a period of 5  
25                   years. Any supplemental award made to a

1 grantee under subsection (a) may be made for  
2 a period of less than 5 years.

3 “(B) PRIORITIES.—In awarding grants  
4 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

5 “(i) give priority to States, Indian  
6 Tribes, and Tribal organizations that have  
7 the highest rates of maternal mortality and  
8 severe maternal morbidity relative to other  
9 such States, Indian Tribes, or Tribal orga-  
10 nizations, respectively; and

11 “(ii) shall consider health disparities  
12 related to maternal mortality and severe  
13 maternal morbidity, including such dispari-  
14 ties associated with racial and ethnic mi-  
15 nority populations.

16 “(C) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall  
17 require grantees to evaluate the outcomes of the  
18 programs supported under the grant.

19 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
20 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
21 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.”.

22 (b) REPORT ON GRANT OUTCOMES AND DISSEMINA-  
23 TION OF BEST PRACTICES.—

24 (1) REPORT.—Not later than February 1,  
25 2027, the Secretary of Health and Human Services

1 shall submit to the Committee on Health, Edu-  
2 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the  
3 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House  
4 of Representatives a report that describes—

5 (A) the outcomes of the activities sup-  
6 ported by the grants awarded under the amend-  
7 ments made by this section on maternal and  
8 child health;

9 (B) best practices and models of care used  
10 by recipients of grants under such amendments;  
11 and

12 (C) obstacles identified by recipients of  
13 grants under such amendments, and strategies  
14 used by such recipients to deliver care, improve  
15 maternal and child health, and reduce health  
16 disparities.

17 (2) DISSEMINATION OF BEST PRACTICES.—Not  
18 later than August 1, 2027, the Secretary of Health  
19 and Human Services shall disseminate information  
20 on best practices and models of care used by recipi-  
21 ents of grants under the amendments made by this  
22 section (including best practices and models of care  
23 relating to the reduction of health disparities, includ-  
24 ing such disparities associated with racial and ethnic  
25 minority populations, in rates of maternal mortality

1 and severe maternal morbidity) to relevant stake-  
2 holders, which may include health providers, medical  
3 schools, nursing schools, relevant State, Tribal, and  
4 local agencies, and the general public.

5 **SEC. 135. MATERNAL VACCINATION AWARENESS.**

6 In carrying out the public awareness initiative related  
7 to vaccinations pursuant to section 313 of the Public  
8 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 245), the Secretary of  
9 Health and Human Services shall take into consideration  
10 the importance of increasing awareness and knowledge of  
11 the safety and effectiveness of vaccines to prevent disease  
12 in pregnant and postpartum women and in infants and  
13 the need to improve vaccination rates in communities and  
14 populations with low rates of vaccination.

15 **CHAPTER 2—RURAL MATERNAL AND OB-**  
16 **STETRIC MODERNIZATION OF SERV-**  
17 **ICES**

18 **SEC. 141. IMPROVING RURAL MATERNAL AND OBSTETRIC**  
19 **CARE DATA.**

20 (a) MATERNAL MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY ACTIVI-  
21 TIES.—Section 301(e) of the Public Health Service Act  
22 (42 U.S.C. 241) is amended by inserting “, preventable  
23 maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity,” after  
24 “delivery”.

1 (b) OFFICE OF WOMEN’S HEALTH.—Section  
2 310A(b)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
3 242s(b)(1)) is amended by striking “and sociocultural con-  
4 texts,” and inserting “sociocultural (including among  
5 American Indians, Native Hawaiians, and Alaska Na-  
6 tives), and geographical contexts,”.

7 (c) SAFE MOTHERHOOD.—Section 317K of the Pub-  
8 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–12) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(A), by inserting “, in-  
10 cluding improving disaggregation of data (in a man-  
11 ner consistent with applicable State and Federal pri-  
12 vacy laws)” before the period; and

13 (2) in subsection (b)(2)—

14 (A) in subparagraph (L), by striking  
15 “and” at the end;

16 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (M) as  
17 subparagraph (N); and

18 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (L)  
19 the following:

20 “(M) an examination of the relationship  
21 between maternal health and obstetric services  
22 in rural areas and outcomes in delivery and  
23 postpartum care; and”.

24 (d) OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN’S HEALTH.—  
25 Section 486(d)(4)(A)(iv) of the Public Health Service Act



1 (42 U.S.C. 287d(d)(4)(A)(iv)) is amended by inserting “,  
2 including preventable maternal mortality and severe ma-  
3 ternal morbidity” before the semicolon.

4 **SEC. 142. RURAL OBSTETRIC NETWORK GRANTS.**

5 The Public Health Service Act is amended by insert-  
6 ing after section 330A–1 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–  
7 1a) the following:

8 **“SEC. 330A–2. RURAL OBSTETRIC NETWORK GRANTS.**

9 “(a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary shall  
10 award grants or cooperative agreements to eligible entities  
11 to establish collaborative improvement and innovation net-  
12 works (referred to in this section as ‘rural obstetric net-  
13 works’) to improve maternal and infant health outcomes  
14 and reduce preventable maternal mortality and severe ma-  
15 ternal morbidity by improving maternity care and access  
16 to care in rural areas, frontier areas, maternity care health  
17 professional target areas, or jurisdictions of Indian Tribes  
18 and Tribal organizations.

19 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants or cooperative agree-  
20 ments awarded pursuant to this section shall be used for  
21 the establishment or continuation of collaborative improve-  
22 ment and innovation networks to improve maternal and  
23 infant health outcomes and reduce preventable maternal  
24 mortality and severe maternal morbidity by improving pre-  
25 natal care, labor care, birthing, and postpartum care serv-

1 ices in rural areas. Rural obstetric networks established  
2 in accordance with this section may—

3           “(1) develop a network to improve coordination  
4           and increase access to maternal health care and as-  
5           sist pregnant women in the areas described in sub-  
6           section (a) with accessing and utilizing prenatal  
7           care, labor care, birthing, and postpartum care serv-  
8           ices to improve outcomes in birth and maternal mor-  
9           tality and morbidity;

10           “(2) identify and implement evidence-based and  
11           sustainable delivery models for providing prenatal  
12           care, labor care, birthing, and postpartum care serv-  
13           ices, including home visiting programs and culturally  
14           appropriate care models that reduce health dispari-  
15           ties;

16           “(3) develop a model for maternal health care  
17           collaboration between health care settings to improve  
18           access to care in areas described in subsection (a),  
19           which may include the use of telehealth;

20           “(4) provide training for professionals in health  
21           care settings that do not have specialty maternity  
22           care;

23           “(5) collaborate with academic institutions that  
24           can provide regional expertise and help identify bar-

1 riers to providing maternal health care, including  
2 strategies for addressing such barriers; and

3 “(6) assess and address disparities in infant  
4 and maternal health outcomes, including among ra-  
5 cial and ethnic minority populations and underserved  
6 populations in such areas described in subsection  
7 (a).

8 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The term ‘eligible  
10 entities’ means entities providing prenatal care,  
11 labor care, birthing, and postpartum care services in  
12 rural areas, frontier areas, or medically underserved  
13 areas, or to medically underserved populations or In-  
14 dian Tribes or Tribal organizations.

15 “(2) FRONTIER AREA.—The term ‘frontier  
16 area’ means a frontier county, as defined in section  
17 1886(d)(3)(E)(iii)(III) of the Social Security Act.

18 “(3) INDIAN TRIBES; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—  
19 The terms ‘Indian Tribe’ and ‘Tribal organization’  
20 have the meanings given the terms ‘Indian tribe’ and  
21 ‘tribal organization’ in section 4 of the Indian Self-  
22 Determination and Education Assistance Act.

23 “(4) MATERNITY CARE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL  
24 TARGET AREA.—The term ‘maternity care health

1 professional target area’ has the meaning described  
2 in section 332(k)(2).

3 “(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Sep-  
4 tember 30, 2026, the Secretary shall submit to Congress  
5 a report on activities supported by grants awarded under  
6 this section, including—

7 “(1) a description of activities conducted pursu-  
8 ant to paragraphs (1) through (6) of subsection (b);  
9 and

10 “(2) an analysis of the effects of rural obstetric  
11 networks on improving maternal and infant health  
12 outcomes.

13 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
14 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
15 \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.”.

16 **SEC. 143. TELEHEALTH NETWORK AND TELEHEALTH RE-**  
17 **SOURCE CENTERS GRANT PROGRAMS.**

18 Section 330I of the Public Health Service Act (42  
19 U.S.C. 254c–14) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (f)(3), by adding at the end  
21 the following:

22 “(M) Providers of prenatal, labor care,  
23 birthing, and postpartum care services, includ-  
24 ing hospitals that operate obstetric care units.”;  
25 and

1           (2) in subsection (h)(1)(B), by striking “or pre-  
2           natal care for high-risk pregnancies” and inserting  
3           “prenatal care, labor care, birthing care, or  
4           postpartum care”.

5   **SEC. 144. RURAL MATERNAL AND OBSTETRIC CARE TRAIN-**  
6                           **ING DEMONSTRATION.**

7           Subpart 1 of part E of title VII of the Public Health  
8   Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq.) is amended by adding  
9   at the end the following:

10 **“SEC. 764. RURAL MATERNAL AND OBSTETRIC CARE TRAIN-**  
11                           **ING DEMONSTRATION.**

12           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
13   grants to accredited schools of allopathic medicine, osteo-  
14   pathic medicine, and nursing, and other appropriate  
15   health professional training programs, to establish a train-  
16   ing demonstration program to support—

17           “(1) training for physicians, medical residents,  
18   fellows, nurse practitioners, physician assistants,  
19   nurses, certified nurse midwives, relevant home vis-  
20   iting workforce professionals and paraprofessionals,  
21   or other professionals who meet relevant State train-  
22   ing and licensing requirements, as applicable, to re-  
23   duce preventable maternal mortality and severe ma-  
24   ternal morbidity by improving prenatal care, labor

1 care, birthing, and postpartum care in rural commu-  
2 nity-based settings; and

3 “(2) developing recommendations for such  
4 training programs.

5 “(b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
6 under subsection (a), an entity shall submit to the Sec-  
7 retary an application at such time, in such manner, and  
8 containing such information as the Secretary may require.

9 “(c) ACTIVITIES.—

10 “(1) TRAINING FOR HEALTH CARE PROFES-  
11 SIONALS.— A recipient of a grant under subsection  
12 (a)—

13 “(A) shall use the grant funds to plan, de-  
14 velop, and operate a training program to pro-  
15 vide prenatal care, labor care, birthing, and  
16 postpartum care in rural areas; and

17 “(B) may use the grant funds to provide  
18 additional support for the administration of the  
19 program or to meet the costs of projects to es-  
20 tablish, maintain, or improve faculty develop-  
21 ment, or departments, divisions, or other units  
22 necessary to implement such training.

23 “(2) TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—  
24 The recipient of a grant under subsection (a) shall  
25 ensure that training programs carried out under the

1 grant are evidence-based and address improving pre-  
2 natal care, labor care, birthing, and postpartum care  
3 in rural areas, and such programs may include  
4 training on topics such as—

5 “(A) maternal mental health, including  
6 perinatal depression and anxiety;

7 “(B) substance use disorders;

8 “(C) social determinants of health that af-  
9 fect individuals living in rural areas; and

10 “(D) improving the provision of prenatal  
11 care, labor care, birthing, and postpartum care  
12 for racial and ethnic minority populations, in-  
13 cluding with respect to perceptions and biases  
14 that may affect the approach to, and provision  
15 of, care.

16 “(d) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—

17 “(1) EVALUATION.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
19 evaluate the outcomes of the demonstration  
20 program under this section.

21 “(B) DATA SUBMISSION.—Recipients of a  
22 grant under subsection (a) shall submit to the  
23 Secretary performance metrics and other re-  
24 lated data in order to evaluate the program for  
25 the report described in paragraph (2).

1           “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
2           January 1, 2026, the Secretary shall submit to Con-  
3           gress a report that includes—

4                   “(A) an analysis of the effects of the dem-  
5                   onstration program under this section on the  
6                   quality, quantity, and distribution of maternal  
7                   health care services, including prenatal care,  
8                   labor care, birthing, and postpartum care serv-  
9                   ices, and the demographics of the recipients of  
10                  those services;

11                   “(B) an analysis of maternal and infant  
12                   health outcomes (including quality of care, mor-  
13                   bidity, and mortality) before and after imple-  
14                   mentation of the program in the communities  
15                   served by entities participating in the dem-  
16                   onstration; and

17                   “(C) recommendations on whether the  
18                   demonstration program should be continued.

19           “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
20           are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
21           \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.”.



1     **Subtitle E—Fentanyl Scheduling**  
2                     **Extension**

3     **SEC. 151. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY ORDER FOR**  
4                     **FENTANYL-RELATED SUBSTANCES.**

5             Effective as if included in the enactment of the Tem-  
6     porary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency  
7     Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act (Public Law 116–  
8     114), section 2 of such Act (as amended by Public Law  
9     117–86) is amended by striking “March 11, 2022” and  
10    inserting “December 31, 2022”.

11                   **Subtitle F—Drug-Free**  
12                   **Communities**

13     **SEC. 161. WAIVER OF FEDERAL FUND LIMITATION FOR THE**  
14                     **DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES SUPPORT PRO-**  
15                     **GRAM.**

16             (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), if the  
17     Administrator of the Drug-Free Communities Support  
18     Program determines that, as a result of the public health  
19     emergency declared pursuant to section 319 of the Public  
20     Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) with respect to  
21     COVID–19, an eligible coalition is unable to raise the  
22     amount of non-Federal funds, including in-kind contribu-  
23     tions, agreed to be raised by the coalition for fiscal year  
24     2020, 2021, or 2022 under an agreement entered into  
25     with the Administrator pursuant to paragraph (1)(A) or

1 (3) of section 1032(b) of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988  
2 (21 U.S.C. 1532(b)), the Administrator may, notwith-  
3 standing such paragraphs, provide to the eligible coalition  
4 the grant or renewal grant, as applicable, for that fiscal  
5 year only in an amount—

6 (1) with respect to an initial grant or renewal  
7 grant described under paragraph (1)(A) or (3)(A) of  
8 such section, that exceeds the amount of non-Fed-  
9 eral funds raised by the eligible coalition, including  
10 in-kind contributions, for that fiscal year;

11 (2) with respect to a renewal grant described  
12 under paragraph (3)(D)(i) of such section, that ex-  
13 ceeds 125 percent of the amount of non-Federal  
14 funds raised by the eligible coalition, including in-  
15 kind contributions, for that fiscal year; and

16 (3) with respect to a renewal grant described  
17 under paragraph (3)(D)(ii) of such section, that ex-  
18 ceeds 150 percent of the amount of non-Federal  
19 funds raised by the eligible coalition, including in-  
20 kind contributions, for that fiscal year.

21 (b) LIMITATION.—The Administrator may not pro-  
22 vide a grant or renewal grant to an eligible coalition in  
23 an amount exceeding the amount of funds initially agreed  
24 to be provided by the Administrator under the applicable  
25 agreement.

1                   **TITLE II—MEDICAID**

2   **SEC. 201. CERTAIN MEDICAID EXTENSIONS FOR TERRI-**  
3                   **TORIES.**

4           (a)   EXTENDING   INCREASED   FMAP.—Section  
5   1905(ff) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(ff))  
6   is amended—

7                   (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and for the  
8           period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending De-  
9           cember 13, 2022” after “and ending December 3,  
10          2021,” and

11                   (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “March 11,  
12          2022” and inserting “December 13, 2022”.

13          (b) EXTENDING ADDITIONAL INCREASE FOR PUER-  
14   TO RICO.—Section 1108(g) of the Social Security Act (42  
15   U.S.C. 1308(g)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
16   lowing new paragraph:

17                   “(10)   ADDITIONAL   INCREASE   FOR   PUERTO  
18          RICO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.—

19                   “(A)   IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the  
20          preceding provisions of this subsection, the total  
21          amount certified for Puerto Rico for fiscal year  
22          2022 under this subsection shall be increased  
23          by \$200,000,000 if the Secretary certifies that,  
24          with respect to such fiscal year, Puerto Rico’s  
25          State plan under title XIX (or a waiver of such

1 plan) establishes a reimbursement floor, imple-  
2 mented through a directed payment arrange-  
3 ment plan, for physician services that are cov-  
4 ered under the Medicare part B fee schedule in  
5 the Puerto Rico locality established under sec-  
6 tion 1848(b) that is not less than 70 percent of  
7 the payment that would apply to such services  
8 if they were furnished under part B of title  
9 XVIII during such fiscal year.

10 “(B) APPLICATION TO MANAGED CARE.—  
11 In certifying whether Puerto Rico has estab-  
12 lished a reimbursement floor under a directed  
13 payment arrangement plan that satisfies the re-  
14 quirements of subparagraph (A) for fiscal year  
15 2022, the Secretary shall—

16 “(i) disregard payments made under  
17 sub-capitated arrangements for services  
18 such as primary care case management;  
19 and

20 “(ii) if the reimbursement floor for  
21 physician services applicable under a man-  
22 aged care contract satisfies the require-  
23 ments of subparagraph (A) for the fiscal  
24 year in which the contract is entered into  
25 or renewed, such reimbursement floor shall

1                   be deemed to satisfy such requirements for  
2                   the subsequent fiscal year.”.

3           (c) PUERTO RICO REPORT ON PROCUREMENT PROC-  
4   ESSES AND STANDARDS USED FOR CONTRACTING UNDER  
5   THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.—

6           (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than De-  
7   cember 1, 2022, the agency responsible for admin-  
8   istering Puerto Rico’s Medicaid program under title  
9   XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et  
10   seq.) shall submit to Congress a report on the pro-  
11   curement processes and standards used for selecting  
12   contracts under Puerto Rico’s Medicaid program.

13           (2) INFORMATION IN REPORT.—The report re-  
14   quired under paragraph (1) shall include the fol-  
15   lowing:

16           (A) A detailed description of the procure-  
17   ment processes and standards used for selecting  
18   contracts under Puerto Rico’s Medicaid pro-  
19   gram under title XIX of the Social Security Act  
20   (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.), for contracts in effect  
21   as of the date of the enactment of this sub-  
22   section.

23           (B) The number of contracts, and a de-  
24   scription of such contracts, for an amount

1 greater than \$150,000 as of the date of the en-  
2 actment of this subsection.

3 (C) Differences between the procurement  
4 processes and standards for selecting contracts  
5 in place as of the date of the enactment of this  
6 subsection, and the Federal procurement stand-  
7 ards (as described in sections 75.327, 75.328,  
8 and 75.329 of title 45, Code of Federal Regula-  
9 tions) as of such date.

10 **SEC. 202. INCREASING STATE FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT**  
11 **TO THIRD PARTY LIABILITY.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(25)(I) of the So-  
13 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(25)(I)) is amend-  
14 ed—

15 (1) by amending clause (ii) to read as follows:

16 “(ii)(I) accept the State’s right of re-  
17 covery and the assignment to the State of  
18 any right of an individual or other entity  
19 to payment from the party for an item or  
20 service for which payment has been made  
21 under the State plan (or under a waiver of  
22 such plan); and

23 “(II) in the case of a responsible third  
24 party (other than the original medicare  
25 fee-for-service program under parts A and

1 B of title XVIII, a Medicare Advantage  
2 plan offered by a Medicare Advantage or-  
3 ganization under part C of such title, a  
4 reasonable cost reimbursement plan under  
5 section 1876, a health care prepayment  
6 plan under section 1833, or a prescription  
7 drug plan offered by a PDP sponsor under  
8 part D of such title) that requires prior  
9 authorization for an item or service fur-  
10 nished to an individual eligible to receive  
11 medical assistance under this title, accept  
12 authorization provided by the State that  
13 the item or service is covered under the  
14 State plan (or waiver of such plan) for  
15 such individual, as if such authorization  
16 were the prior authorization made by the  
17 third party for such item or service;”;

18 (2) in clause (iii)—

19 (A) by striking “respond to any inquiry”  
20 and inserting “not later than 60 days after re-  
21 ceiving any inquiry”; and

22 (B) by striking “; and” at the end and in-  
23 serting “, respond to such inquiry; and”; and

24 (3) in clause (iv)—

1 (A) by striking “or a failure” and inserting  
2 “a failure”; and

3 (B) by inserting after “the basis of the  
4 claim” the following: “, or in the case of a re-  
5 sponsible third party (other than the original  
6 medicare fee-for-service program under parts A  
7 and B of title XVIII, a Medicare Advantage  
8 plan offered by a Medicare Advantage organiza-  
9 tion under part C of such title, a reasonable  
10 cost reimbursement plan under section 1876, a  
11 health care prepayment plan under section  
12 1833, or a prescription drug plan offered by a  
13 PDP sponsor under part D of such title) a fail-  
14 ure to obtain a prior authorization for the item  
15 or service for which the claim is being sub-  
16 mitted”;

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
19 graph (2), the amendments made by this section  
20 shall apply beginning on January 1, 2024.

21 (2) EXCEPTION IF STATE LEGISLATION RE-  
22 QUIRED.—In the case of a State plan for medical as-  
23 sistance under title XIX of the Social Security Act  
24 that the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
25 determines requires State legislation (other than leg-



1 islation appropriating funds) in order for the plan to  
2 meet the additional requirement imposed by the  
3 amendments made under this section, the State plan  
4 shall not be regarded as failing to comply with the  
5 requirements of such title solely on the basis of its  
6 failure to meet this additional requirement before  
7 the first day of the first calendar quarter beginning  
8 after the close of the first regular session of the  
9 State legislature that begins after the date of the en-  
10 actment of this Act. For purposes of the previous  
11 sentence, in the case of a State that has a 2-year  
12 legislative session, each year of such session shall be  
13 deemed to be a separate regular session of the State  
14 legislature.

## 15 **TITLE III—MEDICARE**

### 16 **Subtitle A—Telehealth Flexibility** 17 **Extensions**

#### 18 **SEC. 301. REMOVING GEOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS AND** 19 **EXPANDING ORIGINATING SITES FOR TELE-** 20 **HEALTH SERVICES.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(m)(4)(C) of the So-  
22 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(4)(C)) is amend-  
23 ed—

24 (1) in paragraph (4)(C)—

1 (A) in clause (i), in the matter preceding  
2 subclause (I), by inserting “clause (iii) and”  
3 after “Except as provided in”; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
5 clause:

6 “(iii) EXPANDING ACCESS TO TELE-  
7 HEALTH SERVICES.—With respect to tele-  
8 health services identified in subparagraph  
9 (F)(i) as of the date of the enactment of  
10 this clause that are furnished during the  
11 151-day period beginning on the first day  
12 after the end of the emergency period de-  
13 scribed in section 1135(g)(1)(B), the term  
14 ‘originating site’ means any site in the  
15 United States at which the eligible tele-  
16 health individual is located at the time the  
17 service is furnished via a telecommuni-  
18 cations system, including the home of an  
19 individual.”; and

20 (2) in paragraph (7)(A), by inserting “or, for  
21 the period for which clause (iii) of paragraph (4)(C)  
22 applies, at any site described in such clause” before  
23 the period at the end.

1 (b) NO FACILITY FEE FOR NEW SITES.—Section  
2 1834(m)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
3 1395m(m)(2)(B)) is amended—

4 (1) in clause (i), in the matter preceding sub-  
5 clause (I), by striking “clause (ii)” and inserting  
6 “clauses (ii) and (iii)”; and

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

9 “(iii) NO FACILITY FEE FOR NEW  
10 SITES.—With respect to telehealth services  
11 identified in paragraph (4)(F)(i) as of the  
12 date of the enactment of this clause that  
13 are furnished during the 151-day period  
14 beginning on the first day after the end of  
15 the emergency period described in section  
16 1135(g)(1)(B), a facility fee shall only be  
17 paid under this subparagraph to an origi-  
18 nating site that is described in paragraph  
19 (4)(C)(ii) (other than subclause (X) of  
20 such paragraph).”.

21 **SEC. 302. EXPANDING PRACTITIONERS ELIGIBLE TO FUR-**  
22 **NISH TELEHEALTH SERVICES.**

23 Section 1834(m) of the Social Security Act (42  
24 U.S.C. 1395m(m)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “(described in  
2 section 1842(b)(18)(C))” and inserting “(as defined  
3 in paragraph (4)(E))”; and

4 (2) in paragraph (4)(E), by inserting “and, for  
5 the 151-day period beginning on the first day after  
6 the end of the emergency period described in section  
7 1135(g)(1)(B), shall include a qualified occupational  
8 therapist (as such term is used in section 1861(g)),  
9 a qualified physical therapist (as such term is used  
10 in section 1861(p)), a qualified speech-language pa-  
11 thologist (as defined in section 1861(ll)(4)(A)), and  
12 a qualified audiologist (as defined in section  
13 1861(ll)(4)(B))” after “section 1842(b)(18)(C)”.

14 **SEC. 303. EXTENDING TELEHEALTH SERVICES FOR FEDER-**  
15 **ALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS AND**  
16 **RURAL HEALTH CLINICS.**

17 Section 1834(m)(8) of the Social Security Act (42  
18 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(8)) is amended—

19 (1) in the header, by striking “DURING EMER-  
20 GENCY PERIOD”;

21 (2) in subparagraph (A), in the matter pre-  
22 ceding clause (i), by inserting “and, during the 151-  
23 day period beginning on the first day after the end  
24 of such emergency period” after “During the emer-

1 agency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B)”;  
2 and

3 (3) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “such  
4 emergency period” and inserting “the periods for  
5 which subparagraph (A) applies”.

6 **SEC. 304. DELAYING THE IN-PERSON REQUIREMENTS**  
7 **UNDER MEDICARE FOR MENTAL HEALTH**  
8 **SERVICES FURNISHED THROUGH TELE-**  
9 **HEALTH AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECH-**  
10 **NOLOGY.**

11 (a) DELAY IN REQUIREMENTS FOR MENTAL  
12 HEALTH SERVICES FURNISHED THROUGH TELE-  
13 HEALTH.—Section 1834(m)(7)(B)(i) of the Social Secu-  
14 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(7)(B)(i)) is amended, in  
15 the matter preceding subclause (I), by inserting “on or  
16 after the day that is the 152nd day after the end of the  
17 emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B)”  
18 after “telehealth services furnished”.

19 (b) MENTAL HEALTH VISITS FURNISHED BY RURAL  
20 HEALTH CLINICS.—Section 1834(y) of the Social Security  
21 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(y)) is amended—

22 (1) in the heading, by striking “ATTENDING  
23 PHYSICIAN” and inserting “CERTAIN”;

24 (2) by striking “HOSPICE PATIENTS.—In the  
25 case of” and inserting “HOSPICE PATIENTS.—

1           “(1) ATTENDING PHYSICIAN SERVICES FOR  
2 HOSPICE PATIENTS.—In the case of”;

3           (3) by adding at the end the following new  
4 paragraph:

5           “(2) MENTAL HEALTH VISITS FURNISHED VIA  
6 TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY.—In the case  
7 of mental health visits furnished via interactive, real-  
8 time, audio and video telecommunications technology  
9 or audio-only interactions, the in-person mental  
10 health visit requirements established under section  
11 405.2463(b)(3) of title 42 of the Code of Federal  
12 Regulations (or a successor regulation) shall not  
13 apply prior to the day that is the 152nd day after  
14 the end of the emergency period described in section  
15 1135(g)(1)(B)).”.

16           (c) MENTAL HEALTH VISITS FURNISHED BY FEDER-  
17 ALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.—Section  
18 1834(o)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
19 1395m(o)(4)) is amended—

20           (1) in the heading, by striking “ATTENDING  
21 PHYSICIAN” and inserting “CERTAIN”;

22           (2) by striking “HOSPICE PATIENTS.—In the  
23 case of” and inserting “HOSPICE PATIENTS.—

24           “(A) ATTENDING PHYSICIAN SERVICES  
25 FOR HOSPICE PATIENTS.—In the case of”;

1 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
2 paragraph:

3 “(B) MENTAL HEALTH VISITS FURNISHED  
4 VIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY.—In  
5 the case of mental health visits furnished via  
6 interactive, real-time, audio and video tele-  
7 communications technology or audio-only inter-  
8 actions, the in-person mental health visit re-  
9 quirements established under section  
10 405.2463(b)(3) of title 42 of the Code of Fed-  
11 eral Regulations (or a successor regulation)  
12 shall not apply prior to the day that is the  
13 152nd day after the end of the emergency pe-  
14 riod described in section 1135(g)(1)(B)).”.

15 **SEC. 305. ALLOWING FOR THE FURNISHING OF AUDIO-**  
16 **ONLY TELEHEALTH SERVICES.**

17 Section 1834(m) of the Social Security Act (42  
18 U.S.C. 1395m(m)) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1), in the first sentence, by  
20 striking “paragraph (8)” and inserting “paragraphs  
21 (8) and (9)”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
23 paragraph:

24 “(9) TREATMENT OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES  
25 FURNISHED USING AUDIO-ONLY TELECOMMUNI-

1       CATIONS TECHNOLOGY.—The Secretary shall con-  
2       tinue to provide coverage and payment under this  
3       part for telehealth services identified in paragraph  
4       (4)(F)(i) as of the date of the enactment of this  
5       paragraph that are furnished via an audio-only tele-  
6       communications system during the 151-day period  
7       beginning on the first day after the end of the emer-  
8       gency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B). For  
9       purposes of the previous sentence, the term ‘tele-  
10      health service’ means a telehealth service identified  
11      as of the date of the enactment of this paragraph by  
12      a HCPCS code (and any succeeding codes) for which  
13      the Secretary has not applied the requirements of  
14      paragraph (1) and the first sentence of section  
15      410.78(a)(3) of title 42, Code of Federal Regula-  
16      tions, during such emergency period.”.

17 **SEC. 306. USE OF TELEHEALTH TO CONDUCT FACE-TO-**  
18                   **FACE ENCOUNTER PRIOR TO RECERTIFI-**  
19                   **CATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HOSPICE CARE**  
20                   **DURING EMERGENCY PERIOD.**

21       Section 1814(a)(7)(D)(i)(II) of the Social Security  
22      Act (42 U.S.C. 1395f(a)(7)(D)(i)(II)) is amended by in-  
23      serting “, and during the 151-day period beginning on the  
24      first day after the end of such emergency period” after  
25      “section 1135(g)(1)(B)”.



1 **SEC. 307. EXTENSION OF EXEMPTION FOR TELEHEALTH**  
2 **SERVICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (E) of section  
4 223(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-  
5 ed by inserting “or in the case of months beginning after  
6 March 31, 2022, and before January 1, 2023,” after “De-  
7 cember 31, 2021,”.

8 (b) CERTAIN COVERAGE DISREGARDED.—Clause (ii)  
9 of section 223(c)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
10 1986 is amended by inserting “, or in the case of months  
11 beginning after March 31, 2022, and before January 1,  
12 2023,” after “December 31, 2021”.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
14 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment  
15 of this Act.

16 **SEC. 308. REPORTS ON TELEHEALTH UTILIZATION.**

17 (a) MEDPAC REPORT.—

18 (1) STUDY.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Medicare Payment  
20 Advisory Commission (in this subsection re-  
21 ferred to as the “Commission”) shall conduct a  
22 study on the expansions of telehealth services  
23 (as defined in section 1834(m)(4)(F) of the So-  
24 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(4)(F))  
25 under the Medicare program under title XVIII  
26 of such Act as a result of the COVID-19 public

1 health emergency described in section  
2 1135(g)(1)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–  
3 5(g)(1)(B)) and the amendments made by sec-  
4 tions 301 through 306 of this title.

5 (B) ANALYSIS.—The study under subpara-  
6 graph (A) shall include at least an analysis of  
7 each of the following:

8 (i) The utilization of telehealth serv-  
9 ices under the Medicare program, which  
10 may include analysis by service, provider  
11 type, geographic area (including analysis of  
12 the provision of telehealth services by clini-  
13 cians located in different States than the  
14 Medicare beneficiary receiving such serv-  
15 ices to the extent that reliable data are  
16 available), and beneficiary type (including  
17 reason of entitlement and such bene-  
18 ficiaries who are also enrolled under a  
19 State plan under title XIX of the Social  
20 Security Act).

21 (ii) Medicare program expenditures on  
22 telehealth services.

23 (iii) Medicare payment policy for tele-  
24 health services and alternative approaches  
25 to such payment policy, including for fed-

1 erally qualified health centers and rural  
2 health clinics.

3 (iv) The implications of expanded  
4 Medicare coverage of telehealth services on  
5 beneficiary access to care and the quality  
6 of care, to the extent reliable data are  
7 available.

8 (v) Other areas determined appro-  
9 priate by the Commission.

10 (2) REPORT.—Not later than June 15, 2023,  
11 the Commission shall submit to Congress a report  
12 containing the results of the study conducted under  
13 paragraph (1), together with recommendations for  
14 legislative and administrative action as the Commis-  
15 sion determines appropriate.

16 (b) PUBLICATION OF DATA.—Beginning July 1,  
17 2022, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
18 post on the public website of the Centers for Medicare &  
19 Medicaid Services on a quarterly basis data with respect  
20 to Medicare claims for telemedicine services, including  
21 data on utilization and beneficiary characteristics.

22 (c) OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL RE-  
23 PORT.—Not later than June 15, 2023, the Inspector Gen-  
24 eral of the Department of Health and Human Services  
25 shall submit to Congress a report on program integrity

1 risks associated with Medicare telehealth services. Such  
2 report shall include recommendations to prevent waste,  
3 fraud, and abuse under the Medicare program as appro-  
4 priate.

5 **SEC. 309. PROGRAM INSTRUCTION AUTHORITY.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-  
7 retary of Health and Human Services may implement the  
8 provisions of, including amendments made by, sections  
9 301 through 306 through program instruction or other-  
10 wise.

11 **Subtitle B—Additional Medicare**  
12 **Provisions**

13 **SEC. 311. REVISION OF THE TIMING OF MEDPAC REPORT**  
14 **ON AMBULANCE COST DATA.**

15 Section 1834(l)(17)(F)(i) of the Social Security Act  
16 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(17)(F)(i)) is amended by striking  
17 “Not later than March 15, 2023, and as determined nec-  
18 essary by the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission  
19 thereafter” and inserting “Not later than the second June  
20 15th following the date on which the Secretary transmits  
21 data for the first representative sample of providers and  
22 suppliers of ground ambulance services to the Medicare  
23 Payment Advisory Commission, and as determined nec-  
24 essary by such Commission thereafter,”.

1 **SEC. 312. ADJUSTING CALCULATION OF HOSPICE CAP**  
2 **AMOUNT UNDER MEDICARE.**

3 Section 1814(i)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 1395f(i)(2)(B)) is amended—

5 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “2030” and in-  
6 serting “2031”; and

7 (2) in clause (iii), by striking “2030” and in-  
8 serting “2031”.

9 **SEC. 313. MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT FUND.**

10 Section 1898(b)(1) of the Social Security Act (42  
11 U.S.C. 1395iii(b)(1)) is amended by striking  
12 “\$99,000,000” and inserting “\$5,000,000”.

13 **TITLE IV—HUMAN SERVICES**

14 **SEC. 401. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR**  
15 **NEEDY FAMILIES AND RELATED PROGRAMS.**

16 Activities authorized by part A of title IV (other than  
17 under section 403(c) or 418) and section 1108(b) of the  
18 Social Security Act shall continue through September 30,  
19 2022, in the manner authorized for fiscal year 2021, and  
20 out of any money in the Treasury of the United States  
21 not otherwise appropriated, there are hereby appropriated  
22 such sums as may be necessary for such purpose.