

117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 3753

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grant funding to States for mental health and substance use disorder parity implementation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 8, 2021

Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grant funding to States for mental health and substance use disorder parity implementation.

- 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 "Parity Implementation
- 5 Assistance Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. GRANTS TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUB-
- 7 STANCE USE DISORDER PARITY IMPLEMEN-
- 8 TATION.
- 9 (a) In General.—Section 2794(c) of the Public
- 10 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-94(c)) (as added by

1 section 1003 of the Patient Protection and Affordable

2 Care Act (Public Law 111–148)) is amended by adding

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"(3) Parity implementation.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning 60 days after the date of enactment of the Parity Implementation Assistance Act, the Secretary shall award grants to States to implement the mental health and substance use disorder parity provisions of section 2726, provided that in order to receive such a grant, a State is required to request and review from health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage the comparative analyses and other information required of such health insurance issuers under subsection (a)(8)(A) of such section 2726 regarding the design and application of nonquantitative treatment limitations imposed on mental health or substance use disorder benefits.

"(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-TIONS.—For purposes of awarding grants under subparagraph (A), there are authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000 for each of the

- 1 first five fiscal years beginning after the date of
- 2 the enactment of this paragraph.".
- 3 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 2794 of the
- 4 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-95), as
- 5 added by section 6603 of the Patient Protection and Af-
- 6 fordable Care Act (Public Law 111–148) is redesignated
- 7 as section 2795.

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