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H. R. 3451

To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to expand the program for payments to teaching health centers with GME programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2017

Mr. DENHAM (for himself and Mr. VALADAO) 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 “Creating Additional
5 Residency Expansion Act” or the “CARE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF PROGRAM FOR PAYMENTS TO**
 2 **TEACHING HEALTH CENTERS WITH GME**
 3 **PROGRAMS.**

4 Section 340H of the Public Health Service Act (42
 5 U.S.C. 256h) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (g), by inserting “(other than
 7 subsection (k))” after “section”;

8 (2) in subsection (j)(3)—

9 (A) by striking “CENTER.—The” and in-
 10 serting “CENTER.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
 12 (ii), the”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 14 clause:

15 “(ii) CARVE-OUT OF CENTERS FUND-
 16 ED UNDER SUBSECTION (k).—The term
 17 ‘qualified teaching health center’ shall not
 18 include, with respect to a fiscal year, a
 19 center that is a additional qualified teach-
 20 ing health center (as defined in subsection
 21 (k)(5)) for such fiscal year.”; and

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

24 “(k) FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED TEACH-
 25 ING HEALTH CENTERS.—

1 “(1) PAYMENTS.—In addition to making pay-
2 ments pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary
3 shall make payments under this subsection for direct
4 expenses and for indirect expenses to additional
5 qualified teaching health centers (as defined in para-
6 graph (5)) that are listed as sponsoring institutions
7 by the relevant accrediting body for expansion of ex-
8 isting or establishment of additional approved grad-
9 uate medical residency training programs.

10 “(2) APPLICATION OF PROGRAM RULES.—Ex-
11 cept as otherwise provided in the succeeding para-
12 graphs of this subsection, subsections (b), (c), (d),
13 (e), (f), (h), and (i) shall apply to payments made
14 pursuant to this subsection in the same manner, and
15 to the same extent, that such subsections apply with
16 respect to payments made pursuant to subsection
17 (a).

18 “(3) LIMITATION.—The number of full-time
19 equivalent residents for which a qualified teaching
20 health center receives payments pursuant to this
21 subsection for a fiscal year shall not exceed by more
22 than six the number of full-time equivalent residents
23 for which the center received such payments for the
24 preceding fiscal year.

1 “(4) APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this sub-
 2 section, there are appropriated such sums as may be
 3 necessary, not to exceed—

4 “(A) \$19,000,000 for fiscal year 2019; and

5 “(B) \$38,000,000 for fiscal year 2020.

6 “(5) ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED TEACHING
 7 HEALTH CENTER DEFINED.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this
 9 subsection, the term ‘additional qualified teach-
 10 ing health center’ means an entity that is se-
 11 lected by the Secretary pursuant to subpara-
 12 graph (B) and that, but for the application of
 13 subsection (j)(3)(ii), would, with respect to a
 14 fiscal year, be a qualified teaching health center
 15 with respect to such fiscal year.

16 “(B) SELECTION BY SECRETARY.—

17 “(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of
 18 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall se-
 19 lect 20 centers, at least ten of which the
 20 Secretary did not make payments to under
 21 this section in fiscal year 2017.

22 “(ii) PRIORITY TO HIGH-MEDICAID
 23 COUNTIES.—In making selections under
 24 clause (i), the Secretary shall give priority
 25 to centers that are located in counties in

1 which greater than 35 percent of the popu-
2 lation is enrolled in the Medicaid program
3 under title XIX of the Social Security Act.

4 “(6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
5 this subsection may be construed as limiting the
6 number of qualified teaching health centers to which
7 the Secretary may make payments for a fiscal year
8 with funds appropriated under subsection (g).”.

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