

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1550

AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a public awareness campaign with respect to human papillomavirus, and for other purposes.

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 “Promoting Resources
3 to Expand Vaccination, Education, and New Treatments
4 for HPV Cancers Act of 2021” or the “PREVENT HPV
5 Cancers Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. PREVENTING HPV AND HPV-ASSOCIATED CANCERS;**
7 **REAUTHORIZING JOHANNA’S LAW.**

8 Section 317P of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 247b–17) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (c)(1)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “cer-
12 vical”;

13 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking
14 “and” at the end;

15 (C) in subparagraph (D) by striking
16 “other” and all that follows through “cancer.”
17 and inserting “recommended diagnostics for
18 early intervention for, and prevention of, HPV-
19 associated cancers; and”; and

20 (D) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(E) the importance of recommended vac-
22 cines for prevention of HPV and HPV-associ-
23 ated cancers, including for males;”; and

24 (2) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-
25 lows:

26 “(d) JOHANNA’S LAW.—

1 “(1) NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAM-
2 PAIGN.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
4 carry out a national campaign to increase the
5 awareness and knowledge of health care pro-
6 viders and individuals with respect to
7 gynecologic cancers, HPV, and HPV-associated
8 cancers, and the importance of HPV vaccines in
9 preventing HPV and HPV-associated cancers.

10 “(B) WRITTEN MATERIALS.—Activities
11 under the national campaign under subpara-
12 graph (A) shall include—

13 “(i) maintaining a supply of written
14 materials that provide information to the
15 public on gynecologic cancers, HPV, and
16 HPV-associated cancers; and

17 “(ii) distributing the materials to
18 members of the public upon request.

19 “(C) PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCE-
20 MENTS.—Activities under the national cam-
21 paign under subparagraph (A) shall, in accord-
22 ance with applicable law and regulations, in-
23 clude publishing materials in digital or print
24 form, public engagement, and developing and
25 placing public service announcements intended

1 to encourage individuals to discuss with their
2 physicians—

3 “(i) their risk of gynecologic cancers
4 and HPV-associated cancers; and

5 “(ii) the importance of HPV vaccines
6 in preventing HPV and HPV-associated
7 cancers.

8 “(D) TARGETED POPULATIONS.—Activities
9 under the national campaign under subpara-
10 graph (A) shall include culturally and linguis-
11 tically competent public service announcements
12 and other forms of communication and public
13 engagement under subparagraph (C) targeted
14 to—

15 “(i) specific higher-risk populations of
16 individuals based on race, ethnicity, level of
17 acculturation, and family history, including
18 African-American and Ashkenazi Jewish
19 individuals;

20 “(ii) communities with high rates of
21 unvaccinated individuals, including males;

22 “(iii) rural communities;

23 “(iv) populations affected by increas-
24 ing rates of oropharynx cancers;

1 “(v) health care providers specializing
2 in assisting survivors of sexual assault; and

3 “(vi) such other communities as the
4 Secretary determines appropriate.

5 “(2) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the na-
6 tional campaign under this section, the Secretary
7 shall consult with—

8 “(A) health care providers;

9 “(B) nonprofit organizations (including
10 gynecologic cancer organizations and organiza-
11 tions that represent communities and individ-
12 uals most affected by HPV-associated cancers
13 and low vaccination rates);

14 “(C) State and local public health depart-
15 ments; and

16 “(D) elementary and secondary education
17 organizations and institutions of higher edu-
18 cation.

19 “(3) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING
20 OUTREACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

22 “(i) PROGRAM.—The Secretary may
23 carry out a program to award grants or
24 contracts to public or nonprofit private en-
25 tities for the purpose of carrying out dem-

1 onstration projects to test, compare, and
2 evaluate different evidence-based outreach
3 and education strategies to increase the
4 awareness and knowledge of women, their
5 families, physicians, nurses, and other key
6 health professionals with respect to
7 gynecologic cancers, including with respect
8 to early warning signs, risk factors, pre-
9 vention, screening, and treatment options.

10 “(ii) SCIENCE-BASED RESOURCES.—

11 In making awards under clause (i), the
12 Secretary shall encourage awardees to use
13 science-based resources such as the Inside
14 Knowledge About Gynecologic Cancer edu-
15 cation campaign of the Centers for Disease
16 Control and Prevention.

17 “(B) PREFERENCES IN AWARDING GRANTS

18 OR CONTRACTS.—In making awards under sub-
19 paragraph (A), the Secretary shall give pref-
20 erence to—

21 “(i) applicants with demonstrated ex-
22 pertise in gynecologic cancer education or
23 treatment or in working with groups of
24 women who are at increased risk of
25 gynecologic cancers; and

1 “(ii) applicants that, in the dem-
2 onstration project funded by the grant or
3 contract, will establish linkages between
4 physicians, nurses, other key health profes-
5 sionals, health profession students, hos-
6 pitals, payers, and State health depart-
7 ments.

8 “(C) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant or
9 contract under subparagraph (A), an entity
10 shall submit an application to the Secretary in
11 such form, in such manner, and containing such
12 agreements, assurances, and information as the
13 Secretary determines to be necessary to carry
14 out this paragraph.

15 “(D) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—In mak-
16 ing awards under subparagraph (A), the Sec-
17 retary shall—

18 “(i) make awards, as practicable, to
19 not fewer than five applicants; and

20 “(ii) ensure that information provided
21 through demonstration projects under this
22 paragraph is consistent with the best avail-
23 able medical information.

24 “(E) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later
25 than 24 months after the date of the enactment

1 of the PREVENT HPV Cancers Act of 2021,
2 and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall
3 submit to the Committee on Energy and Com-
4 merce of the House of Representatives and the
5 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
6 Pensions of the Senate a report that—

7 “(i) summarizes the activities of dem-
8 onstration projects under subparagraph
9 (A);

10 “(ii) evaluates the extent to which the
11 projects were effective in increasing aware-
12 ness and knowledge of risk factors and
13 early warning signs in the populations to
14 which the projects were directed; and

15 “(iii) identifies barriers to early detec-
16 tion and appropriate treatment of such
17 cancers.

18 “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

19 For the purpose of carrying out this subsection,

1 there is authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000
2 for the period of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 30,
2021.

Attest:

Clerk.

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