

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1678

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to improve access to grants and loans for evidence-based substance use disorder treatment services in rural areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2017

Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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. COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIRECT LOANS AND**
4 **GRANTS.**

5 Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
6 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)) is amended by add-
7 ing at the end the following:

1 “(27) DIRECT LOANS AND GRANTS FOR SUB-
2 STANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES.—

3 “(A) SELECTION PRIORITY.—In selecting
4 recipients of loans or grants (not including
5 loans guaranteed by the Secretary) for the de-
6 velopment of essential community facilities
7 under this section, the Secretary shall give pri-
8 ority to entities eligible for those loans or
9 grants—

10 “(i) to develop facilities to provide
11 substance use disorder (including opioid
12 substance use disorder)—

13 “(I) prevention services;

14 “(II) treatment services;

15 “(III) recovery services; or

16 “(IV) any combination of those
17 services; and

18 “(ii) that employ staff that have ap-
19 propriate expertise and training in how to
20 identify and treat individuals with sub-
21 stance use disorders.

22 “(B) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity
23 described in subparagraph (A) that receives a
24 loan or grant described in that subparagraph
25 may use the loan or grant funds for the devel-

- 1 opment of telemedicine facilities and systems to
- 2 provide telemedicine for substance use disorder
- 3 treatment.”.

