

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4641, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. CLARK OF MASSACHUSETTS**

At the end of the bill, add the following

1 **SEC. 2. RESOURCES FOR PRESCRIBERS ON PATIENT PAIN,**
2 **SUBSTANCE MISUSE, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE**
3 **DISORDERS.**

4 The Public Health Service Act is amended by insert-
5 ing after section 3990 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 280g-3)
6 the following:

7 **“SEC. 3990-1. RESOURCES FOR PRESCRIBERS ON PATIENT**
8 **PAIN, SUBSTANCE MISUSE, AND SUBSTANCE**
9 **ABUSE DISORDERS.**

10 “(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary may award grants to
11 States (or collaborations of States) to establish, expand,
12 or maintain a comprehensive regional, State, or municipal
13 system to provide training, education, consultation, and
14 other resources to enable prescribers—

15 “(1) to effectively and appropriately treat and
16 manage patient pain; and

17 “(2) to prevent, identify, and respond to patient
18 substance misuse and substance abuse disorders.

19 “(b) SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION.—A system funded
20 through this section may provide the training, education,

1 consultation, and other resources described in subsection
2 (a) directly or through a professional association, an insti-
3 tution of higher education, a nonprofit organization, or an-
4 other appropriate entity.

5 “(c) NUMBER.—Subject to the availability of appro-
6 priations, the Secretary shall make grants under this sec-
7 tion to not fewer than 3 States (or collaborations of
8 States).

9 “(d) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this sec-
10 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to applications to
11 States (or collaborations of States) demonstrating the
12 greatest lack of, and need for, the training, education, con-
13 sultation, and other resources described in subsection (a).

14 “(e) EVALUATION.—Not later than 3 years after the
15 date on which a State (or collaboration of States) receives
16 a grant under this section, the State (or collaboration)
17 shall submit to the Secretary an evaluation of the extent
18 to which the system funded through the grant has been
19 effective in—

20 “(1) improving the treatment and management
21 of pain; and

22 “(2) preventing, identifying, and responding to
23 substance misuse and substance abuse disorders.

1 “(f) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—To be eligible for
2 assistance under this section, a system described in sub-
3 section (a) shall include—

4 “(1) a peer-to-peer consultation program that
5 enables prescribers to receive real-time expert con-
6 sultation (in person or remotely) with a pain or ad-
7 diction specialist to aid in the individualized treat-
8 ment and management of patient pain and in re-
9 sponding to patients who are exhibiting signs of sub-
10 stance misuse or substance abuse disorders;

11 “(2) coordination with community-based re-
12 sources and services, including mental health and
13 substance abuse resources, pain and addiction spe-
14 cialists, primary care resources, and support groups;
15 and

16 “(3) a dedicated website to collect and dissemi-
17 nate information for prescribers, including—

18 “(A) information on the consultation pro-
19 gram under paragraph (1);

20 “(B) a detailed and continuously updated
21 guide to the community-based resources and
22 services identified and coordinated under para-
23 graph (2), including information on the services
24 provided and the populations served; and

1 “(C) appropriate training and educational
2 materials, such as appropriate prescribing
3 guidelines and information on the treatment
4 and management of chronic pain, alternatives
5 to opioid-based pain treatment, substance abuse
6 screening, and follow-up support.

7 “(g) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant under this sec-
8 tion, a State (or collaboration of States) shall submit an
9 application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner,
10 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-
11 quire.

12 “(h) PRESCRIBER DEFINED.—In this section, the
13 term ‘prescriber’ means a health care professional author-
14 ized under State law to prescribe drugs.

15 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
16 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
17 priated \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through
18 2021.”.

