

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 27
OFFERED BY MS. BALINT OF VERMONT

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT GRANTS.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President, acting through the
3 Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management
4 Agency, is authorized to provide grants to a State or In-
5 dian tribal government for the purpose of providing behav-
6 ioral health treatment, including screening and diagnosis,
7 crisis counseling, other related crisis helplines, or other
8 service-delivery programs to individuals affected by a
9 major disaster.

10 (b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—A State or Indian tribal govern-
11 ment may only receive a grant under this section during
12 the 2-year period beginning on the date on which the
13 President declares the major disaster for which the State
14 or Indian tribal government applies for such grant.

15 (c) **APPLICATION.**—Any State or Indian tribal gov-
16 ernment seeking a grant under this section shall submit
17 to the Administrator an application containing materials
18 describing any mental health services available to individ-
19 uals in the jurisdiction of the State or Indian tribal gov-
20 ernment, including an initial needs assessment describing

1 unmet mental health service needs, and critical gaps in
2 mental and substance use disorder prevention, treatment,
3 and recovery support service systems.

4 (d) PRIORITIZATION.—In providing grants under this
5 section, the Administrator shall prioritize awarding grants
6 to States or Indian tribal governments with jurisdiction
7 over areas that have high unmet needs for mental health
8 services.

9 (e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—In carrying out this
10 section, the Administrator may consult with and receive
11 technical assistance or training from the Director of the
12 Center for Mental Health Services of the Substance Abuse
13 and Mental Health Services Administration.

14 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
15 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
16 \$44,000,000 for each fiscal year.

17 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “major
18 disaster”, “State”, and “Indian tribal government” have
19 the meanings given such terms in section 102 of the Rob-
20 ert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
21 Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).

