

AMENDMENT TO
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DELAWARE

At the end of subtitle D of title VII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7___ . GRANT PROGRAMS RELATING TO MATERNAL**
2 **MENTAL HEALTH CARE.**

3 (a) MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PRO-
4 GRAM.—

5 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of De-
6 fense, acting through the Assistant Secretary of De-
7 fense for Health Affairs, shall establish a program
8 under which the Secretary may award grants to, or
9 enter into contracts with, eligible entities, or con-
10 sortia of eligible entities, to address maternal mental
11 health conditions and substance use disorders with
12 respect to pregnant and postpartum beneficiaries
13 under the TRICARE program.

14 (2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant
15 under this subsection, an eligible entity shall submit
16 to the Secretary an application at such time, in such

1 manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
2 retary may require.

3 (3) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
4 subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to an eli-
5 gible entity that—

6 (A) is, or will partner with, a community-
7 based organization to address the maternal
8 mental health conditions and substance use dis-
9 orders described in paragraph (1);

10 (B) is operating in an area with high rates
11 of—

12 (i) adverse maternal health outcomes;

13 or

14 (ii) significant disparities in maternal
15 health outcomes; and

16 (C) has experience working with members
17 and former members of the Armed Forces, de-
18 pendants of such members, or other bene-
19 ficiaries under the TRICARE program.

20 (4) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that re-
21 ceives a grant under this subsection may only use
22 such grant amounts for the following:

23 (A) Establishing or expanding maternity
24 care programs to improve—

1 (i) the integration of mental health
2 and substance use disorder treatment serv-
3 ices into primary care settings in which
4 pregnant beneficiaries under the
5 TRICARE program regularly receive
6 health care services; and

7 (ii) the coordination between such pri-
8 mary care settings and mental health and
9 substance use disorder professionals who
10 treat maternal mental health conditions
11 and substance use disorders.

12 (B) Establishing or expanding programs
13 that improve maternal mental health and sub-
14 stance use disorder treatment from the pre-
15 conception through the postpartum periods.

16 (C) Expanding or expanding programs to
17 prevent suicide or self-harm among pregnant,
18 lactating and postpartum beneficiaries under
19 the TRICARE program.

20 (D) Establishing or expanding programs to
21 provide education and training to maternity
22 care providers, with respect to identifying po-
23 tential warning signs for maternal mental
24 health conditions or substance use disorders in
25 pregnant, lactating, and postpartum bene-

1 ficiaries under the TRICARE program and of-
2 fering referrals to mental health substance use
3 disorder treatment professionals.

4 (E) Raising awareness of, and addressing
5 stigma associated with, maternal mental health
6 conditions and substance use disorders.

7 (F) Carrying out other evidence-based or
8 evidence-informed programs to address mater-
9 nal mental health conditions and substance use
10 disorders for pregnant and postpartum bene-
11 ficiaries under the TRICARE program.

12 (5) REPORTING.—

13 (A) ANNUAL REPORT BY GRANT RECIPI-
14 ENTS.—As a condition on receipt of a grant
15 under this subsection, an eligible entity shall
16 agree to submit to the Secretary, on an annual
17 basis until the end of the grant period, a report
18 on activities conducting using grant amounts so
19 received (and make such report publicly avail-
20 able). Each such report shall include quan-
21 titative and qualitative evaluations of such ac-
22 tivities, including of the experience of individ-
23 uals who received health care pursuant to such
24 activities.

1 (B) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later
2 than September 30, 2025, the Secretary shall
3 submit to the congressional defense committees
4 a report that includes—

5 (i) a summary of the reports received
6 under subparagraph (A);

7 (ii) an evaluation of the effectiveness
8 of grants awarded under this subsection;

9 (iii) recommendations with respect to
10 expanding coverage of evidence-based
11 screenings and treatments for maternal
12 mental health conditions and substance use
13 disorders; and

14 (iv) recommendations with respect to
15 ensuring activities specified in paragraph
16 (4) continue after the end of a grant pe-
17 riod.

18 (6) ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.—In this sub-
19 section, the term “eligible entity” means the fol-
20 lowing:

21 (A) A community-based organization.

22 (B) An Indian tribe, as such term is de-
23 fined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determina-
24 tion and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
25 5304).

1 (C) A tribal organization, as such term is
2 defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
3 mination and Education Assistance Act (25
4 U.S.C. 5304).

5 (D) An urban Indian organization, as such
6 term is defined in section 4 of the Indian
7 Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C.
8 1603).

9 (E) A health care provider.

10 (F) An accredited medical school.

11 (G) An accredited schools of nursing.

12 (H) A teaching hospital.

13 (I) An accredited midwifery program.

14 (J) A physician assistant education pro-
15 gram.

16 (K) A residency or fellowship program.

17 (L) Other nonprofit organizations, institu-
18 tions of higher education, or programs deter-
19 mined appropriate by the Secretary.

20 (b) MATERNAL MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
21 CARE WORKFORCE GRANT PROGRAM.—

22 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of De-
23 fense shall establish a program under which the Sec-
24 retary may award grants to, or enter into contracts
25 with, eligible entities (or consortia of eligible entities,

1 including those promoting multidisciplinary ap-
2 proaches), for such eligible entities or consortia to
3 establish or expand programs to grow and diversify
4 the maternal mental and behavioral health care
5 workforce that serves beneficiaries under the
6 TRICARE program.

7 (2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant
8 under this subsection, an eligible entity shall submit
9 to the Secretary an application at such time, in such
10 manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
11 retary may require.

12 (3) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that re-
13 ceives a grant under this subsection may only use
14 such grant amounts to grow and diversify the mater-
15 nal mental and behavioral health care workforce
16 through the following:

17 (A) Establishing programs that provide to
18 students seeking appropriate licensing or certifi-
19 cation as mental or behavioral health care pro-
20 viders education and training for such students
21 to specialize in maternal mental health condi-
22 tions or substance use disorders and enter into
23 careers treating beneficiaries under the
24 TRICARE program for such conditions and
25 disorders.

1 (B) Expanding the capacity of existing
2 programs described in subparagraph (A), for
3 the purposes of increasing the number of stu-
4 dents enrolled in such programs, including by
5 awarding scholarships for students.

6 (C) Developing and implementing strate-
7 gies to recruit and retain students from under-
8 served communities into programs described in
9 subparagraphs (A) and (B).

10 (4) GRANT OR CONTRACT PERIOD.—The period
11 of a grant awarded, or a contract entered into,
12 under this subsection may not exceed a period of five
13 years.

14 (5) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
15 shall furnish to eligible entities in receipt of grant
16 amounts under this subsection technical assistance
17 on the development, use, evaluation, and post-grant
18 period sustainability of, the maternal mental or be-
19 havioral health care workforce program proposed to
20 be established or expanded using grant amounts so
21 awarded.

22 (6) REPORTING.—

23 (A) ANNUAL REPORT BY GRANT RECIPI-
24 ENTS.—As a condition on receipt of a grant
25 under this subsection, an eligible entity shall

1 agree to submit to the Secretary, on an annual
2 basis until the end of the grant period, a report
3 on the activities conducted using grant amounts
4 so received, including—

5 (i) the number and demographics of
6 students served by the eligible entity
7 through such activities; and

8 (ii) the extent to which such students
9 are entering careers treating beneficiaries
10 under the TRICARE program.

11 (B) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later
12 than four years after the date of enactment of
13 this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the con-
14 gressional defense committees, and make pub-
15 licly available, a report on the effectiveness of
16 the grant program under this subsection at in-
17 creasing the number of mental or behavioral
18 health care providers specializing in maternal
19 mental health conditions or substance use dis-
20 orders who serve beneficiaries under the
21 TRICARE program.

22 (7) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES DEFINED.—In this sub-
23 section, the term “eligible entity” means the fol-
24 lowing:

25 (A) A health professions school.

1 (B) An academic health centers.

2 (C) A State (including any territory or
3 possession of the United States) or local gov-
4 ernment.

5 (D) An Indian tribe, as such term is de-
6 fined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determina-
7 tion and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
8 5304).

9 (E) A tribal organization, as such term is
10 defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
11 mination and Education Assistance Act (25
12 U.S.C. 5304).

13 (F) An urban Indian organization, as such
14 term is defined in section 4 of the Indian
15 Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C.
16 1603).

17 (G) Other appropriate government entities
18 or private nonprofit organizations.

