

AMENDMENT TO
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Page 1691, after line 8, insert the following new title:

1 **TITLE V—HEALTH ENTERPRISE**
2 **ZONES**

3 **SEC. 35101. DESIGNATION OF HEALTH ENTERPRISE ZONES.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary shall, pursuant to applications submitted
8 under subsection (c), designate areas as Health En-
9 terprise Zones to reduce health disparities and im-
10 prove health outcomes in such areas.

11 (2) ELIGIBILITY OF AREA.—To be designated
12 as a Health Enterprise Zone under this section, an
13 area must—

14 (A) be a contiguous geographic area in one
15 census tract or ZIP code;

16 (B) have measurable and documented ra-
17 cial, ethnic, or geographic health disparities and
18 poor health outcomes, demonstrated by—

1 (i) average income below 150 percent
2 of the Federal poverty line;

3 (ii) a rate of participation in the spe-
4 cial supplemental nutrition program under
5 section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of
6 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786) that is higher than
7 the national average rate of participation
8 in such program; and

9 (iii) lower life expectancy than the na-
10 tional average; or

11 (iv) a higher percentage of instances
12 of low birth weight than the national aver-
13 age; and

14 (C) are part of a Metropolitan Statistical
15 Area or Micropolitan Statistical Area identified
16 by the Office of Management and Budget.

17 (b) SOLICITATION OF APPLICATIONS.—The Sec-
18 retary shall—

19 (1) not later than 12 months after the date of
20 enactment of this Act, solicit applications under sub-
21 section (c); and

22 (2) publish on the website of the Department of
23 Health and Human Services—

1 (A) the names of all applicants, together
2 with the names of each applicant's coalition
3 partners; and

4 (B) a description of all areas proposed to
5 be designated as Health Enterprise Zones.

6 (c) SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS.—To seek the
7 designation of an area as a Health Enterprise Zone, a
8 community-based nonprofit organization or local govern-
9 mental agency, in coalition with an array of health care
10 providers, hospitals, nonprofit community health clinics,
11 health centers, social service organizations, and other re-
12 lated organizations shall submit an application to the Sec-
13 retary.

14 (d) CONTENTS.—An application under subsection (c)
15 shall—

16 (1) include an effective and sustainable plan
17 with respect to the area proposed for designation—

18 (A) to reduce health disparities;

19 (B) to reduce the costs of, or to produce
20 savings to, the health care system;

21 (C) to improve health outcomes; and

22 (D) to utilize one or more of the incentives
23 established pursuant to sections 35103, 35104,
24 and 35105 to address health care provider ca-
25 pacity, improve health services delivery, effec-

1 tuate community improvements, or conduct out-
2 reach and education efforts; and

3 (2) identify specific diseases or indicators of
4 health for improvement of health outcomes in such
5 area, including at least one of the following: cardio-
6 vascular disease, asthma, diabetes, dental health, be-
7 havioral health, maternal and birth health, and obe-
8 sity.

9 (e) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Secretary—

10 (1) shall consider geographic diversity, among
11 other factors, in selecting areas for designation as
12 Health Enterprise Zones; and

13 (2) may conduct outreach efforts to encourage
14 a geographically diverse pool of applicants, including
15 for designating Health Enterprise Zones in rural
16 areas.

17 (f) PRIORITY.—In selecting areas for designation as
18 Health Enterprise Zones, the Secretary shall give higher
19 priority to applications based on the extent to which they
20 demonstrate the following:

21 (1) Support from, and participation of, key
22 stakeholders in the public and private sectors in the
23 area proposed for designation, including residents
24 and local governments of such area.

1 (2) A plan for long-term funding and sustain-
2 ability.

3 (3) Supporting funds from the private sector.

4 (4) Integration with any applicable State health
5 improvement process or plan.

6 (5) A plan for evaluation of the impact of des-
7 ignation of such area as a Health Enterprise Zone.

8 (6) A plan to utilize existing State tax credits,
9 grants, or other incentives to reduce health dispari-
10 ties and improve health outcomes in the proposed
11 Health Enterprise Zone.

12 (7) Such other factors as the Secretary deter-
13 mines are appropriate to demonstrate a commitment
14 to reduce health disparities and improve health out-
15 comes in such area.

16 (g) PERIOD OF DESIGNATION.—The designation
17 under this section of any area as a Health Enterprise Zone
18 shall expire at the end of the period of 5 fiscal years fol-
19 lowing the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 35102. CONSULTATION.**

21 The Secretary shall carry out this title in consultation
22 with—

23 (1) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
24 opment; and

1 (2) the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority
2 Health.

3 **SEC. 35103. GRANTS.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—For each area designated
5 under section 35101 as a Health Enterprise Zone, the
6 Secretary may award a grant to the community-based
7 nonprofit organization or local governmental agency that
8 applied for such designation to support such applicant and
9 its coalition partners in reducing health disparities and
10 improving health outcomes in such area.

11 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Programs and activities funded
12 through a grant under this section shall be consistent with
13 the grantee's plan submitted pursuant to section
14 35101(d)(1) and may include the following:

15 (1) SUBGRANTS TO HEALTH CARE PRACTI-
16 TIONERS.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of im-
18 proving or expanding the delivery of health care
19 in the respective Health Enterprise Zone, the
20 grantee may award subgrants to Health Enter-
21 prise Zone practitioners to defray costs related
22 to innovative strategies listed in paragraph (2).

23 (B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive
24 a subgrant pursuant to subparagraph (A), a
25 Health Enterprise Zone practitioner shall—

1 (i) own or lease a health care facility
2 in the Health Enterprise Zone; or

3 (ii) provide health care in such a facil-
4 ity.

5 (C) AMOUNT.—The amount of a subgrant
6 under subparagraph (A) may not exceed the
7 lesser of—

8 (i) \$5,000,000; or

9 (ii) 50 percent of the costs of the
10 equipment, or capital or leasehold improve-
11 ments, to be defrayed using the subgrant
12 to implement innovative strategies listed in
13 paragraph (2).

14 (2) INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES.—A grantee (or
15 subgrantee) may use a grant received under this sec-
16 tion (or a subgrant received under paragraph (1)) to
17 implement innovative public health strategies in the
18 respective Health Enterprise Zone, which strategies
19 may include—

20 (A) internships and volunteer opportunities
21 for students who reside in the Health Enter-
22 prise Zone;

23 (B) funding resources to improve health
24 care provider capacity to serve non-English
25 speakers;

1 (C) operation of medical, mental and be-
2 havioral health, and dental mobile clinics;

3 (D) provision of transportation to and
4 from medical appointments for patients;

5 (E) funding resources to improve access to
6 healthy food, recreation, and high-quality hous-
7 ing;

8 (F) capital or leasehold improvements to a
9 health care facility in the respective Health En-
10 terprise Zone; and

11 (G) medical or dental equipment to be
12 used in such a facility.

13 **SEC. 35104. STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a
15 loan repayment program under which the Secretary enters
16 into agreements with eligible Health Enterprise Zone
17 practitioners to make payments on the principal and inter-
18 est of the eligible educational loans of such practitioners
19 for each year such practitioners agree to provide health
20 care services in a Health Enterprise Zone.

21 (b) LIMITATIONS.—In entering into loan repayment
22 agreements under this section, the Secretary may not
23 agree to—

24 (1) make payments for more than 5 years with
25 respect to a practitioner; or

1 (2) pay more than \$10,000 per year, or more
2 than a total of \$100,000, with respect to a practi-
3 tioner.

4 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) The term “eligible educational loan” means
6 any federally funded or guaranteed student loan as
7 determined appropriate by the Secretary in coordina-
8 tion with the Secretary of Education.

9 (2) The term “eligible Health Enterprise Zone
10 practitioner” means a Health Enterprise Zone prac-
11 titioner who agrees—

12 (A) to provide health care services in a
13 Health Enterprise Zone for a specified period
14 that is not less than one year; and

15 (B) has one or more eligible educational
16 loans.

17 **SEC. 35105. 10 PERCENT INCREASE OF PAYMENT FOR**
18 **ITEMS AND SERVICES PAYABLE UNDER MEDI-**
19 **CARE PART B FURNISHED IN HEALTH ENTER-**
20 **PRISE ZONES.**

21 Section 1833(a) of the Social Security Act (42
22 U.S.C.1395l(a)) is amended by inserting before the period
23 at the end the following: “. With respect to items and serv-
24 ices payable under this part that are furnished in a Health
25 Enterprise Zone (as defined in section 35107 of the Mov-

1 ing Forward Act) during the period beginning on the first
2 day an area is designated a Health Enterprise Zone under
3 section 35101(a)(1) of such Act and ending on the last
4 day of the fiscal year that is 5 fiscal years following the
5 enactment of this Act, the payment rates otherwise estab-
6 lished for such items and services shall be increased by
7 10 percent”.

8 **SEC. 35106. REPORTING.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the end of each
10 fiscal year in the period of 5 fiscal years following the date
11 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
12 the Congress a report on the implementation of this title
13 and the results thereof.

14 (b) CONTENTS.—Each report under subsection (a)
15 shall—

16 (1) specify the number and types of incentives
17 provided pursuant to this title in each Health Enter-
18 prise Zone designated under section 35101;

19 (2) include evidence of the extent to which the
20 incentives utilized by each Health Enterprise Zone
21 have succeeded—

22 (A) in attracting health care practitioners
23 to practice in Health Enterprise Zones;

1 (B) in reducing health disparities and im-
2 proving health outcomes in Health Enterprise
3 Zones; and

4 (C) in reducing health costs and hospital
5 admissions and readmissions in Health Enter-
6 prise Zones.

7 **SEC. 35107. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this title:

9 (1) The term “Health Enterprise Zone” means
10 an area designated under section 35101 as a Health
11 Enterprise Zone.

12 (2) The term “Health Enterprise Zone practi-
13 tioner” means a health care practitioner who—

14 (A) is licensed or certified in accordance
15 with applicable State law to treat patients in
16 the respective Health Enterprise Zone;

17 (B) provides—

18 (i) primary care, which may include
19 obstetrics, gynecological services, pediatric
20 services, or geriatric services;

21 (ii) behavioral health services, which
22 may include mental health or substance
23 use disorder services; or

24 (iii) dental services; and

1 (C) is a participating provider of services
2 or supplier under the Medicare program under
3 title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42
4 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) or a participating provider
5 under a State plan under title XIX of such Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

7 (3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
8 of Health and Human Services.

9 **SEC. 35108. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 To carry out this title, there is authorized to be ap-
11 propriated \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021
12 through 2025, to remain available until expended.

