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

TITLE V—HEALTH ENTERPRISE ZONES

SEC. 35101. DESIGNATION OF HEALTH ENTERPRISE ZONES.

(a) DESIGNATION.—

(1) In General.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, pursuant to applications submitted under subsection (c), designate areas as Health Enterprise Zones to reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes in such areas.

(2) Eligibility of Area.—To be designated as a Health Enterprise Zone under this section, an area must—

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

(B) have measurable and documented racial, ethnic, or geographic health disparities and poor health outcomes, demonstrated by—
(i) average income below 150 percent of the Federal poverty line;

(ii) a rate of participation in the special supplemental nutrition program under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786) that is higher than the national average rate of participation in such program; and

(iii) lower life expectancy than the national average; or

(iv) a higher percentage of instances of low birth weight than the national average; and

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

(b) SOLICITATION OF APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary shall—

(1) not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, solicit applications under subsection (c); and

(2) publish on the website of the Department of Health and Human Services—
(A) the names of all applicants, together with the names of each applicant’s coalition partners; and

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

(c) SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS.—To seek the designation of an area as a Health Enterprise Zone, a community-based nonprofit organization or local governmental agency, in coalition with an array of health care providers, hospitals, nonprofit community health clinics, health centers, social service organizations, and other related organizations shall submit an application to the Secretary.

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

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

(A) to reduce health disparities;

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

(C) to improve health outcomes; and

(D) to utilize one or more of the incentives established pursuant to sections 35103, 35104, and 35105 to address health care provider capacity, improve health services delivery, effec-
tuate community improvements, or conduct outreach and education efforts; and

(2) identify specific diseases or indicators of health for improvement of health outcomes in such area, including at least one of the following: cardiovascular disease, asthma, diabetes, dental health, behavioral health, maternal and birth health, and obesity.

(e) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Secretary—

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

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

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

(1) Support from, and participation of, key stakeholders in the public and private sectors in the area proposed for designation, including residents and local governments of such area.
(2) A plan for long-term funding and sustainability.

(3) Supporting funds from the private sector.

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

(5) A plan for evaluation of the impact of designation of such area as a Health Enterprise Zone.

(6) A plan to utilize existing State tax credits, grants, or other incentives to reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes in the proposed Health Enterprise Zone.

(7) Such other factors as the Secretary determines are appropriate to demonstrate a commitment to reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes in such area.

(g) Period of Designation.—The designation under this section of any area as a Health Enterprise Zone shall expire at the end of the period of 5 fiscal years following the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 35102. CONSULTATION.

The Secretary shall carry out this title in consultation with—

(1) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and
(2) the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health.

SEC. 35103. GRANTS.

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

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

(1) SUBGRANTS TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of improving or expanding the delivery of health care in the respective Health Enterprise Zone, the grantee may award subgrants to Health Enterprise Zone practitioners to defray costs related to innovative strategies listed in paragraph (2).

(B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a subgrant pursuant to subparagraph (A), a Health Enterprise Zone practitioner shall—
(i) own or lease a health care facility
in the Health Enterprise Zone; or
(ii) provide health care in such a facil-
ity.

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

(i) $5,000,000; or

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

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

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

(B) funding resources to improve health
care provider capacity to serve non-English
speakers;
(C) operation of medical, mental and behavioral health, and dental mobile clinics;

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

(E) funding resources to improve access to healthy food, recreation, and high-quality housing;

(F) capital or leasehold improvements to a health care facility in the respective Health Enterprise Zone; and

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

SEC. 35104. STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

(a) In General.—The Secretary shall carry out a loan repayment program under which the Secretary enters into agreements with eligible Health Enterprise Zone practitioners to make payments on the principal and interest of the eligible educational loans of such practitioners for each year such practitioners agree to provide health care services in a Health Enterprise Zone.

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

(1) make payments for more than 5 years with respect to a practitioner; or
(2) pay more than $10,000 per year, or more
than a total of $100,000, with respect to a practi-

c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

(B) has one or more eligible educational
loans.

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

Section 1833(a) of the Social Security Act (42
U.S.C.1395l(a)) is amended by inserting before the period
at the end the following: “. With respect to items and serv-
ices payable under this part that are furnished in a Health
Enterprise Zone (as defined in section 35107 of the Mov-
ing Forward Act) during the period beginning on the first day an area is designated a Health Enterprise Zone under section 35101(a)(1) of such Act and ending on the last day of the fiscal year that is 5 fiscal years following the enactment of this Act, the payment rates otherwise established for such items and services shall be increased by 10 percent”.

SEC. 35106. REPORTING.

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

(b) Contents.—Each report under subsection (a) shall—

(1) specify the number and types of incentives provided pursuant to this title in each Health Enterprise Zone designated under section 35101;

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

(A) in attracting health care practitioners to practice in Health Enterprise Zones;
(B) in reducing health disparities and improving health outcomes in Health Enterprise Zones; and

(C) in reducing health costs and hospital admissions and readmissions in Health Enterprise Zones.

SEC. 35107. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

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

(2) The term “Health Enterprise Zone practitioner” means a health care practitioner who—

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

(B) provides—

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

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

(iii) dental services; and
(C) is a participating provider of services
or supplier under the Medicare program under
title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42
U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) or a participating provider
under a State plan under title XIX of such Act
(42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

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

SEC. 35108. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

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