

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–4
OFFERED BY MS. SALINAS OF OREGON

Page 48, after line 5, insert the following:

1 SEC. 307. ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF RECOVERY.

2 Part A of title V of the Public Health Service Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 290aa et seq.) is amended by inserting after
4 section 501C (42 U.S.C. 290aa–0b) the following:

5 “SEC. 501D. OFFICE OF RECOVERY.

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established, in the Sub-
7 stance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration,
8 an Office of Recovery (referred to in this section as the
9 ‘Office’).

10 “(b) DIRECTOR.—The Office shall be headed by a Di-
11 rector who has demonstrated experience in, and lived expe-
12 rience with, mental health or substance use disorder recov-
13 ery.

14 “(c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Through the Office of Re-
15 covery, the responsibilities of the Director shall include—

16 “(1) providing leadership in the identification of
17 new and emerging issues related to recovery support
18 services;

1 “(2) supporting technical assistance, data anal-
2 ysis, and evaluation functions in order to assist
3 States, localities, territories, Indian Tribes, and
4 Tribal organizations in developing recovery support
5 services and identifying best practices with the ob-
6 jective of expanding the capacity of, and access to,
7 recovery support services;

8 “(3) providing support for the training, edu-
9 cation, integration, and professionalization of the
10 peer support specialist workforce;

11 “(4) disseminating best practice recommenda-
12 tions with respect to peer support specialist training,
13 certification, supervision, and practice to States and
14 other entities that employ peer support specialists;

15 “(5) supporting peer support specialists with
16 ongoing professional development and retention ac-
17 tivities; and

18 “(6) developing recommendations on creating
19 career pathways for peer support specialists.

20 “(d) FUNCTIONS.—Beginning on the date of enact-
21 ment of this section, the functions of the Office shall in-
22 clude the responsibilities described in subsection (c) and
23 the functions of the Office of Recovery of the Substance
24 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration on the
25 day before such date of enactment, including all of its per-

1 sonnel, assets, authorities, obligations, and liabilities, ex-
2 cept as otherwise specified in this section.

3 “(e) DEFINITION OF PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term
5 ‘peer support specialist’ means an individual—

6 “(A)(i) who has lived experience of recov-
7 ery from a mental health condition or substance
8 use disorder and who specializes in supporting
9 individuals with mental health conditions or
10 substance use disorders; or

11 “(ii) who has lived experience as a parent
12 or caregiver of an individual with a mental
13 health condition or substance use disorder and
14 who specializes in supporting families navi-
15 gating mental health or substance use service
16 systems; and

17 “(B) who is certified as qualified to fur-
18 nish peer support services, as described in para-
19 graph (2), under a process that is determined
20 by the State in which such individual furnishes
21 such services or determined appropriate by the
22 Secretary of Health and Human Services.

23 “(2) PEER SUPPORT SERVICES.—The services
24 described in this paragraph shall be consistent with
25 the National Practice Guidelines for Peer Sup-

1 porters issued by the National Association of Peer
2 Supporters (or a successor publication) and inclusive
3 of the Core Competencies for Peer Workers in Be-
4 havioral Health Services of the Substance Abuse and
5 Mental Health Services Administration.”.

