

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Page 51, after line 14, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . EXPANSION OF DATA COLLECTION AND RE-**
2 **PORTING ON RURAL HEALTH OUTCOMES.**

3 (a) RURAL HEALTH DATA COLLECTION ENHANCE-
4 MENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
5 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human
6 Services (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”)
7 shall establish and implement procedures to improve the
8 collection, stratification, and public reporting of data on
9 substance use disorder treatment and recovery outcomes
10 in rural and frontier areas of the United States. Such pro-
11 cedures shall—

12 (1) disaggregate existing national data by rural
13 and urban status to the greatest extent practicable;

14 (2) identify service gaps, workforce shortages,
15 and disparities in treatment access and outcomes
16 among rural populations; and

17 (3) include data on the availability and use of
18 telehealth services, medication assisted treatment,
19 and harm reduction programs in rural communities.

1 (b) ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Begin-
2 ning not later than one year after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
4 mittee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on
5 Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, and the
6 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
7 and the Committee on Finance of the Senate, and make
8 publicly available on the website of the Department of
9 Health and Human Services, an annual report that in-
10 cludes—

11 (1) an assessment of the implementation and
12 impact of programs authorized or reauthorized
13 under this Act in rural and frontier communities;

14 (2) recommendations for improving access to
15 substance use disorder treatment and recovery serv-
16 ices in rural areas; and

17 (3) identification of areas with persistent dis-
18 parities in outcomes and access to services.

19 (c) RURAL DEFINED.—For purposes of this section,
20 the term “rural area” has the meaning given such term
21 by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy.

