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To provide for improvements in the implementation of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. BEYER, and Mr. RASKIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, and Oversight and Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “9–  
5       8–8 Implementation Act of 2022”.

6       (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
7       this Act is as follows:

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 Sec. 105. Mental Health Crisis Response Partnership Pilot Program.  
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TITLE II—HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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**1 TITLE I—SUBSTANCE ABUSE**  
**2 AND MENTAL HEALTH SERV-**  
**3 ICES ADMINISTRATION**

**4 SEC. 101. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS COORDINATING OF-**  
**5 FICE.**

**6** Part A of title V of the Public Health Service Act  
**7** (42 U.S.C. 290aa et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
**8** end the following:

**9 “SEC. 506B. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS COORDINATING**  
**10 OFFICE.**

**11** “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through  
**12** the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance

1 Use, shall establish an office to coordinate work relating  
2 to behavioral health crisis care across the operating divi-  
3 sions of the Department of Health and Human Services,  
4 including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
5 and the Health Resources and Services Administration  
6 and external stakeholders.

7 “(b) DUTY.—The office established under subsection  
8 (a) shall—

9 “(1) convene Federal, State, Tribal, local, and  
10 private partners;

11 “(2) launch and manage Federal workgroups  
12 charged with making recommendations regarding be-  
13 havioral health crisis financing, workforce, equity,  
14 data, and technology, program oversight, public  
15 awareness, and engagement; and

16 “(3) support technical assistance, data analysis,  
17 and evaluation functions in order to develop a crisis  
18 care system to establish nationwide standards with  
19 the objective of expanding the capacity of, and ac-  
20 cess to, local crisis call centers, mobile crisis care,  
21 crisis stabilization, psychiatric emergency services,  
22 and rapid post-crisis follow-up care provided by—

23 “(A) the National Suicide Prevention and  
24 Mental Health Crisis Hotline and Response  
25 System;

1 “(B) community mental health centers (as  
 2 defined in section 1861(ff)(3)(B) of the Social  
 3 Security Act);

4 “(C) certified community behavioral health  
 5 clinics, as described in section 223 of the Pro-  
 6 tecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014; and

7 “(D) other community mental health and  
 8 substance use disorder providers.

9 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
 10 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
 11 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.”.

12 **SEC. 102. NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE PRO-**  
 13 **GRAM.**

14 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
 15 520E–3(c) of the Public Health Service Act (290bb–  
 16 36c(c)) is amended by inserting before the period at the  
 17 end the following: “, and \$240,000,000 for each of fiscal  
 18 years 2023 through 2027”.

19 (b) SPECIALIZED HOTLINE FOR UNDERSERVED POP-  
 20 ULATIONS.—Section 520E–3 of the Public Health Service  
 21 Act (290bb–36c) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (b)—

23 (A) in paragraph (2)—

24 (i) by inserting after “suicide preven-  
 25 tion hotline” the following: “, under the

1 universal telephone number designated  
2 under section 251(e)(4) of the Communica-  
3 tions Act of 1934,”; and

4 (ii) by striking “; and” at the end and  
5 inserting a semicolon;

6 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-  
7 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (C) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(4) providing for access by LGBTQ individ-  
10 uals, people of color, and other underserved popu-  
11 lations to specialized services through a range of dig-  
12 ital and technology approaches, as determined by the  
13 Office of the Assistant Secretary.”;

14 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
15 section (d); and

16 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
17 lowing:

18 “(c) CONSULTATION.—Wherever possible, the Office  
19 of the Assistant Secretary shall, in determining which ap-  
20 proaches to use to provide specialized services under sub-  
21 section (b)(4) to the populations described in such sub-  
22 section, consult with organizations that have experience—

23 “(1) working with such populations; and

1 “(2) technological expertise in effective crisis  
2 response using such digital and technology ap-  
3 proaches.”.

4 **SEC. 103. REGIONAL AND LOCAL LIFELINE CALL CENTER**  
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 Part B of title V of the Public Health Service Act  
7 (42 U.S.C. 290bb et seq.) is amended by inserting after  
8 section 520E–4 (42 U.S.C. 290bb-36d) the following:

9 **“SEC. 520E–5. REGIONAL AND LOCAL LIFELINE CALL CEN-**  
10 **TER PROGRAM.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
12 grants to crisis call centers described in section 302(c)(1)  
13 of the 9–8–8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Imple-  
14 mentation Act of 2022 to—

15 “(1) purchase or upgrade call center tech-  
16 nology;

17 “(2) provide for training of call center staff;

18 “(3) improve call center operations; and

19 “(4) hiring of call center staff.

20 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
21 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
22 \$441,000,000 for fiscal year 2023, to remain available  
23 until expended.”.

1 **SEC. 104. EVIDENCE-BASED AND BEST PRACTICE CRISIS**  
2 **CARE PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1912(b)(1) of the Public  
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–1(b)(1)) is amend-  
5 ed—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (A) by redesignating clauses (vi) and (vii)  
8 as clauses (vii) and (viii), respectively; and

9 (B) by inserting after clause (v), the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(vi) include a description of how the  
12 State supports evidenced-based and best  
13 practice programs that address the crisis  
14 care needs of individuals with serious men-  
15 tal illness, and children with serious emo-  
16 tional disturbances, that include at least  
17 one of the core components specified in  
18 subparagraph (F);”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(F) CORE COMPONENTS FOR CRISIS CARE  
21 SERVICES.—The core components of a program  
22 referred to in subparagraph (A)(vi) include the  
23 following:

24 “(i) Crisis call centers.

25 “(ii) 24/7 mobile crisis services.

1 “(iii) Crisis stabilization programs of-  
 2 fering acute care or subacute care in a  
 3 hospital or appropriately licensed facility,  
 4 with referrals to inpatient or outpatient  
 5 care, as determined by the Assistant Sec-  
 6 retary for Mental Health and Substance  
 7 Use.”.

8 (b) SET-ASIDE FOR EVIDENCE-BASED AND BEST  
 9 PRACTICE CRISIS CARE SERVICES.—Section 1920 of the  
 10 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–9) is amend-  
 11 ed—

12 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “be appro-  
 13 priated” and all that follows through “2022.” and  
 14 inserting the following: “be appropriated—

15 “(1) \$532,571,000 for each of fiscal years 2018  
 16 through 2022; and

17 “(2) \$2,235,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
 18 2023 through 2027.”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(d) CRISIS CARE.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
 22 graph (3), a State shall expend at least 10 percent  
 23 of the allotment of the State pursuant to a funding  
 24 agreement under section 1911 for each of fiscal



1 years 2023 through 2027 to support programs de-  
2 scribed in section 1912(b)(1)(A)(vi).

3 “(2) STATE FLEXIBILITY.—In lieu of expending  
4 10 percent of the State’s allotment for a fiscal year  
5 as required by paragraph (1), a State may elect to  
6 expend not less than 20 percent of such amount by  
7 the end of two consecutive fiscal years.

8 “(3) FUNDING CONTINGENCY.—Paragraph (1)  
9 shall not apply with respect to a fiscal year unless  
10 the amount made available to carry out this section  
11 for that fiscal year exceeds the amount appropriated  
12 to carry out this section for fiscal year 2021 by at  
13 least \$37,257,100.

14 “(4) WAIVER.—A State may, pursuant to a  
15 waiver granted by the Secretary of any requirements  
16 under this subpart (including requirements imposed  
17 by a funding agreement under section 1911), use  
18 funds set aside under this subsection to provide serv-  
19 ices described in section 1912(b)(1)(A)(vi) to indi-  
20 viduals in such State who do not meet the criteria  
21 to be considered with serious mental illness or chil-  
22 dren with serious emotional disturbances.”.

1 **SEC. 105. MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE PARTNER-**  
2 **SHIP PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 Title V of the Public Health Service Act is amended  
4 (42 U.S.C. 290aa) by inserting after section 520F (42  
5 U.S.C. 290bb–37) the following:

6 **“SEC. 520F–1. MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE PART-**  
7 **NERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a  
9 pilot program under which the Secretary will award com-  
10 petitive grants to eligible entities to establish new, or en-  
11 hance existing, mobile crisis response teams that divert the  
12 response for mental health and substance use crises from  
13 law enforcement to mobile crisis teams, as described in  
14 subsection (b).

15 “(b) MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS DESCRIBED.—A mobile  
16 crisis team described in this subsection is a team of indi-  
17 viduals—

18 “(1) that is available to respond to individuals  
19 in crisis and provide immediate stabilization, refer-  
20 rals to community-based mental health and sub-  
21 stance use disorder services and supports, and triage  
22 to a higher level of care if medically necessary;

23 “(2) which may include licensed counselors,  
24 clinical social workers, physicians, paramedics, crisis  
25 workers, peer support specialists, or other qualified  
26 individuals; and

1           “(3) which may provide support to divert be-  
2           havioral health crisis calls from the 9–1–1 system to  
3           the 9–8–8 system.

4           “(c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-  
5           tion, the Secretary shall prioritize applications which ac-  
6           count for the specific needs of the communities to be  
7           served, including children and families, veterans, rural and  
8           underserved populations, and other groups at increased  
9           risk of death from suicide or overdose.

10          “(d) REPORT.—

11               “(1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than one year  
12           after the date of the enactment of this section, the  
13           Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on steps  
14           taken by eligible entities as of such date of enact-  
15           ment to strengthen the partnerships among mental  
16           health providers, substance use disorder treatment  
17           providers, primary care physicians, mental health  
18           and substance use crisis teams, and paramedics, law  
19           enforcement officers, and other first responders.

20               “(2) PROGRESS REPORTS.—Not later than one  
21           year after the date on which the first grant is  
22           awarded to carry out this section, and for each year  
23           thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a  
24           report on the grants made during the year covered  
25           by the report, which shall include—

1           “(A) data on the teams and people served  
2           by such programs, including demographic infor-  
3           mation of individuals served, volume and types  
4           of service utilization, linkage to community-  
5           based resources and diversion from law enforce-  
6           ment settings, data consistent with the State  
7           block grant requirements for continuous evalua-  
8           tion and quality improvement, and other rel-  
9           evant data as determined by the Secretary; and

10           “(B) the Secretary’s recommendations and  
11           best practices for—

12                   “(i) States and localities providing  
13                   mobile crisis response and stabilization  
14                   services for youth and adults; and

15                   “(ii) improvements to the program es-  
16                   tablished under this section.

17           “(e) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this section, the term  
18           ‘eligible entity’ means each of the following:

19                   “(1) Community mental health centers (as de-  
20                   fined in section 1861(ff)(3)(B) of the Social Security  
21                   Act).

22                   “(2) Certified community behavioral health clin-  
23                   ics described in section 223 of the Protecting Access  
24                   to Medicare Act of 2014.

1           “(3) An entity that operates citywide, Tribal-  
2           wide, or county-wide crisis response systems, includ-  
3           ing cities, counties, Tribes, or a department or agen-  
4           cy of a city, county, or Tribe, including departments  
5           or agencies of social services, disability services,  
6           health services, public health, or mental health and  
7           substance disorder services.

8           “(4) A program of the Indian Health Service,  
9           whether operated by such Service, an Indian Tribe  
10          (as that term is defined in section 4 of the Indian  
11          Health Care Improvement Act), or by a Tribal orga-  
12          nization (as that term is defined in section 4 of the  
13          Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance  
14          Act) or a facility of the Native Hawaiian health care  
15          systems authorized under the Native Hawaiian  
16          Health Care Improvement Act.

17          “(5) A public, nonprofit, or other organization  
18          that—

19                 “(A) can demonstrate the ability of such  
20                 organization to effectively provide community-  
21                 based alternatives to law enforcement; and

22                 “(B) has a demonstrated involvement with  
23                 the identified communities to be served.

24          “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
25          are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

1 \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through  
2 2027.”.

3 **SEC. 106. NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MEDIA CAM-**  
4 **PAIGN.**

5 Subpart 3 of part B of title V of the Public Health  
6 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–31 et seq.) is amended by  
7 adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 520N. NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MEDIA CAM-**  
9 **PAIGN.**

10 “(a) NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MEDIA CAM-  
11 PAIGN.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the date  
13 that is 3 years after the date of the enactment of  
14 this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the As-  
15 sistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance  
16 Use and the Director of the Centers for Disease  
17 Control and Prevention (referred to in this section  
18 as the ‘Director’), shall conduct a national suicide  
19 prevention media campaign (referred to in this sec-  
20 tion as the ‘national media campaign’), for purposes  
21 of—

22 “(A) preventing suicide in the United  
23 States;

24 “(B) educating families, friends, and com-  
25 munities on how to address suicide and suicidal

1 thoughts, including when to encourage individ-  
2 uals with suicidal risk to seek help; and

3 “(C) increasing awareness of suicide pre-  
4 vention resources of the Centers for Disease  
5 Control and Prevention and the Substance  
6 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administra-  
7 tion (including the suicide prevention hotline  
8 maintained under section 520E–3, any suicide  
9 prevention mobile application of the Centers for  
10 Disease Control and Prevention or the Sub-  
11 stance Abuse Mental Health Services Adminis-  
12 tration, and other support resources determined  
13 appropriate by the Secretary).

14 “(2) ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION.—In addition  
15 to consulting with the Assistant Secretary and the  
16 Director under this section, the Secretary shall con-  
17 sult with, as appropriate, State, local, Tribal, and  
18 territorial health departments, primary health care  
19 providers, hospitals with emergency departments,  
20 mental and behavioral health services providers, cri-  
21 sis response services providers, paramedics, law en-  
22 forcement, suicide prevention and mental health pro-  
23 fessionals, patient advocacy groups, survivors of sui-  
24 cide attempts, and representatives of television and  
25 social media platforms in planning the national

1 media campaign to be conducted under paragraph  
2 (1).

3 “(b) TARGET AUDIENCES.—

4 “(1) TAILORING ADVERTISEMENTS AND OTHER  
5 COMMUNICATIONS.—In conducting the national  
6 media campaign under subsection (a)(1), the Sec-  
7 retary may tailor culturally competent advertise-  
8 ments and other communications of the campaign  
9 across all available media for a target audience  
10 (such as a particular geographic location or demo-  
11 graphic) across the lifespan.

12 “(2) TARGETING CERTAIN LOCAL AREAS.—The  
13 Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable,  
14 use amounts made available under subsection (f) for  
15 media that targets certain local areas or populations  
16 at disproportionate risk for suicide.

17 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

18 “(1) REQUIRED USES.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, if  
20 reasonably feasible with the funds made avail-  
21 able under subsection (f), carry out the fol-  
22 lowing, with respect to the national media cam-  
23 paign:

24 “(i) Testing and evaluation of adver-  
25 tising.



1           “(ii) Evaluation of the effectiveness of  
2 the national media campaign.

3           “(iii) Operational and management  
4 expenses.

5           “(iv) The creation of an educational  
6 toolkit for television and social media plat-  
7 forms to use in discussing suicide and rais-  
8 ing awareness about how to prevent sui-  
9 cide.

10          “(B) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—

11           “(i) TESTING AND EVALUATION OF  
12 ADVERTISING.—In testing and evaluating  
13 advertising under subparagraph (A)(i), the  
14 Secretary shall test all advertisements  
15 after use in the national media campaign  
16 to evaluate the extent to which such adver-  
17 tisements have been effective in carrying  
18 out the purposes of the national media  
19 campaign.

20           “(ii) EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVENESS  
21 OF NATIONAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN.—In eval-  
22 uating the effectiveness of the national  
23 media campaign under subparagraph  
24 (A)(ii), the Secretary shall—

1           “(I) take into account the num-  
2           ber of unique calls that are made to  
3           the suicide prevention hotline main-  
4           tained under section 520E–3 and as-  
5           sess whether there are any State and  
6           regional variations with respect to the  
7           capacity to answer such calls;

8           “(II) take into account the num-  
9           ber of unique encounters with suicide  
10          prevention and support resources of  
11          the Centers for Disease Control and  
12          Prevention and the Substance Abuse  
13          and Mental Health Services Adminis-  
14          tration and assess engagement with  
15          such suicide prevention and support  
16          resources;

17          “(III) assess whether the na-  
18          tional media campaign has contrib-  
19          uted to increased awareness that sui-  
20          cidal individuals should be engaged,  
21          rather than ignored; and

22          “(IV) take into account such  
23          other measures of evaluation as the  
24          Secretary determines are appropriate.

1           “(2) OPTIONAL USES.—The Secretary may use  
2           amounts made available under subsection (f) for the  
3           following, with respect to the national media cam-  
4           paign:

5                   “(A) Partnerships with professional and  
6                   civic groups, community-based organizations,  
7                   including faith-based organizations, and Fed-  
8                   eral agencies or Tribal organizations that the  
9                   Secretary determines have experience in suicide  
10                  prevention, including the Substance Abuse and  
11                  Mental Health Services Administration and the  
12                  Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

13                  “(B) Entertainment industry outreach,  
14                  interactive outreach, media projects and activi-  
15                  ties, the dissemination of public information,  
16                  news media outreach, outreach through tele-  
17                  vision programs, and corporate sponsorship and  
18                  participation.

19           “(d) PROHIBITIONS.—None of the amounts made  
20           available under subsection (f) may be obligated or ex-  
21           pended for any of the following:

22                   “(1) To supplant Federal suicide prevention  
23                   campaigns in effect as of the date of the enactment  
24                   of this section.

1           “(2) For partisan political purposes, or to ex-  
2           press advocacy in support of or to defeat any clearly  
3           identified candidate, clearly identified ballot initia-  
4           tive, or clearly identified legislative or regulatory  
5           proposal.

6           “(e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18  
7           months after implementation of the national media cam-  
8           paign has begun, the Secretary, in coordination with the  
9           Assistant Secretary and the Director, shall, with respect  
10          to the first year of the national media campaign, submit  
11          to Congress a report that describes—

12           “(1) the strategy of the national media cam-  
13          paign and whether specific objectives of such cam-  
14          paign were accomplished, including whether such  
15          campaign impacted the number of calls made to life-  
16          line crisis centers and the capacity of such centers  
17          to manage such calls;

18           “(2) steps taken to ensure that the national  
19          media campaign operates in an effective and effi-  
20          cient manner consistent with the overall strategy  
21          and focus of the national media campaign;

22           “(3) plans to purchase advertising time and  
23          space;

24           “(4) policies and practices implemented to en-  
25          sure that Federal funds are used responsibly to pur-

1 chase advertising time and space and eliminate the  
2 potential for waste, fraud, and abuse; and

3 “(5) all contracts entered into with a corpora-  
4 tion, a partnership, or an individual working on be-  
5 half of the national media campaign.

6 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For  
7 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized  
8 to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
9 2022 through 2026.”.

## 10 **TITLE II—HEALTH RESOURCES** 11 **AND SERVICES ADMINISTRA-** 12 **TION**

### 13 **SEC. 201. HEALTH CENTER CAPITAL GRANTS.**

14 Subpart 1 of part D of title III of the Public Health  
15 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by adding  
16 at the end the following:

### 17 **“SEC. 330O. HEALTH CENTER CAPITAL GRANTS.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
19 grants to eligible entities for capital projects.

20 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this section, the term  
21 ‘eligible entity’ is an entity that is—

22 “(1) a health center funded under section 330,  
23 or in the case of a Tribe or Tribal organization, eli-  
24 gible, to be awarded without regard to the time limi-  
25 tation in subsection (e)(3) and subsections

1 (e)(6)(A)(iii), (e)(6)(B)(iii), and (r)(2)(B) of such  
2 section; or

3 “(2) a mental health and substance use crisis  
4 receiving and stabilization program and crisis call  
5 center described in section 302(c)(1) of the 9–8–8  
6 Implementation Act of 2022 that have a working re-  
7 lationship with one or more local community mental  
8 health and substance use organizations, community  
9 mental health centers, and certified community be-  
10 havioral health clinics, or other local mental health  
11 and substance use care providers, including inpatient  
12 and residential treatment settings.

13 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available to a  
14 recipient of a grant or cooperative agreement pursuant to  
15 subsection (a) shall be used for crisis response program  
16 facility alteration, renovation, remodeling, expansion, con-  
17 struction, and other capital improvement costs, including  
18 the costs of amortizing the principal of, and paying inter-  
19 est on, loans for such purposes.

20 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
21 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
22 \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until expended.”.

1 **SEC. 202. EXPANDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE**  
 2 **TRAINING PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.—Section  
 4 331(a)(3)(E)(i) of the Public Health Service Act  
 5 (254d(a)(3)(E)(i)) is amended by striking “and psychia-  
 6 trists” and inserting “psychiatrists and professionals who  
 7 provide crisis management services (such as at a crisis call  
 8 center, as part of a mobile crisis team, or through crisis  
 9 receiving and stabilization program)”.

10 (b) MINORITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—Section  
 11 597(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
 12 290ll(b)) is amended by inserting “crisis management  
 13 services (such as at a crisis call center, as part of a mobile  
 14 crisis team, or through crisis receiving and stabilization  
 15 program),” after “mental health counseling,”.

16 (c) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE EDUCATION  
 17 AND TRAINING.—Section 756 of the Public Health Service  
 18 Act (42 U.S.C. 294e–1) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “crisis  
 21 management (such as at a crisis call center, as  
 22 part of a mobile crisis team, or through crisis  
 23 receiving and stabilization program),” after  
 24 “occupational therapy,”;

25 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and  
 26 providing crisis management services (such as

1 at a crisis call center, as part of a mobile crisis  
2 team, or through crisis receiving and stabiliza-  
3 tion program)” after “treatment services,”;

4 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “and  
5 providing crisis management services (such as  
6 at a crisis call center, as part of a mobile crisis  
7 team, or through crisis receiving and stabiliza-  
8 tion program),” after “behavioral health serv-  
9 ices”; and

10 (D) in paragraph (4), by inserting “includ-  
11 ing for the provision of crisis management serv-  
12 ices (such as at a crisis call center, as part of  
13 a mobile crisis team, or through crisis receiving  
14 and stabilization program),” after “paraprofes-  
15 sional field”;

16 (2) in subsection (d)(2), by inserting “or that  
17 emphasize training in crisis management and meet-  
18 ing the crisis needs of diverse populations specified  
19 in (b)(2), including effective outreach and engage-  
20 ment” after “partnerships”; and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(g) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal years  
24 2023 through 2027, in addition to funding made  
25 available under subsection (f), there are authorized



1 to be appropriated \$15,000,000 for workforce devel-  
 2 opment for crisis management, as specified in para-  
 3 graphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a).

4 “(2) PRIORITY.—In making grants for the pur-  
 5 pose specified in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall  
 6 give priority to programs demonstrating effective re-  
 7 cruitment and retention efforts for individuals and  
 8 groups from different racial, ethnic, cultural, geo-  
 9 graphic, religious, linguistic, and class backgrounds,  
 10 and different genders and sexual orientations, as  
 11 specified in subsection (b)(2).”.

## 12 **TITLE III—BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** 13 **CRISIS SERVICES EXPANSION**

### 14 **SEC. 301. CRISIS RESPONSE CONTINUUM OF CARE.**

15 Subpart 3 of part B of title V of the Public Health  
 16 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–31 et seq.), as amended by  
 17 section 106, is further amended by adding at the end the  
 18 following:

#### 19 **“SEC. 5200. CRISIS RESPONSE CONTINUUM OF CARE.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish  
 21 standards for a continuum of care for use by health care  
 22 providers and communities in responding to individuals,  
 23 including children and adolescents, experiencing mental  
 24 health crises, substance related crises, and crises arising

1 from co-occurring disorders (referred to in this section as  
2 the ‘crisis response continuum’).

3 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

4 “(1) SCOPE OF STANDARDS.—The standards  
5 established under subsection (a) shall define—

6 “(A) minimum requirements of core crisis  
7 services, as determined by the Secretary, to in-  
8 clude requirements that each entity that fur-  
9 nishes such services should—

10 “(i) not require prior authorization  
11 from an insurance provider nor referral  
12 from a health care provider prior to the de-  
13 livery of services;

14 “(ii) serve all individuals regardless of  
15 age or ability to pay;

16 “(iii) operate 24 hours a day, 7 days  
17 a week, and provide care to all individuals;  
18 and

19 “(iv) provide care and support  
20 through resources described in paragraph  
21 (2)(A) until the individual has been sta-  
22 bilized or transfer the individual to the  
23 next level of crisis care; and

24 “(B) psychiatric stabilization, including the  
25 point at which a case may be closed for—

1 “(i) individuals screened over the  
2 phone; and

3 “(ii) individuals stabilized on the  
4 scene by mobile teams.

5 “(2) IDENTIFICATION OF ESSENTIAL FUNC-  
6 TIONS.—The Secretary shall identify the essential  
7 functions of each service in the crisis response con-  
8 tinuum, which shall include at least the following:

9 “(A) Identification of resources for referral  
10 and enrollment in continuing mental health,  
11 substance use, or other human services relevant  
12 for the individual in crisis where necessary.

13 “(B) Delineation of access and entry  
14 points to services within the crisis response con-  
15 tinuum.

16 “(C) Development of and adherence to pro-  
17 tocols and agreements for the transfer and re-  
18 ceipt of individuals to and from other segments  
19 of the crisis response continuum segments as  
20 needed, and from outside referrals including  
21 health care providers, law enforcement, EMS,  
22 fire, education institutions, and community-  
23 based organizations.

24 “(D) Description of the qualifications of  
25 crisis services staff, including roles for physi-

1 cians, licensed clinicians, case managers, and  
2 peers (in accordance with State licensing re-  
3 quirements or requirements applicable to Tribal  
4 health professionals).

5 “(E) Requirements for the convening of  
6 collaborative meetings of crisis response service  
7 providers, first responders, such as paramedics  
8 and law enforcement, and community partners  
9 (including National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
10 or 9–8–8 call centers, 9–1–1 public service an-  
11 swering points, and local mental health and  
12 substance use disorder treatment providers) op-  
13 erating in a common region for the discussion  
14 of case management, best practices, and general  
15 performance improvement.

16 “(3) SERVICE CAPACITY AND QUALITY STAND-  
17 ARDS.—Such standards shall include definitions of—

18 “(A) adequate volume of services to meet  
19 population need;

20 “(B) appropriate timely response; and

21 “(C) capacity to meet the needs of dif-  
22 ferent patient populations who may experience  
23 a mental health or substance use crisis, includ-  
24 ing children, families, and all age groups, cul-  
25 tural and linguistic minorities, individuals with

1 co-occurring mental health and substance use  
2 disorders, individuals with cognitive disabilities,  
3 individuals with developmental delays, and indi-  
4 viduals with chronic medical conditions and  
5 physical disabilities.

6 “(4) OVERSIGHT AND ACCREDITATION.—The  
7 Secretary shall designate entities charged with the  
8 oversight and accreditation of entities within the cri-  
9 sis response continuum.

10 “(5) IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME.—Not later  
11 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this title,  
12 the Secretary shall establish the standards under  
13 this section.

14 “(6) DATA COLLECTION AND EVALUATIONS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, di-  
16 rectly or through grants, contracts, or inter-  
17 agency agreements, shall collect data and con-  
18 duct evaluations with respect to the provision of  
19 services and programs offered on the crisis re-  
20 sponse continuum for purposes of assessing the  
21 extent to which the provision of such services  
22 and programs meet certain objectives and out-  
23 comes measures as determined by the Sec-  
24 retary. Such objectives shall include—

1 “(i) a reduction in reliance on law en-  
2 forcement response to individuals in crisis  
3 who would be more appropriately served by  
4 a mobile crisis team capable of responding  
5 to mental health and substance related cri-  
6 ses;

7 “(ii) a reduction in boarding or ex-  
8 tended holding of patients in emergency  
9 room facilities who require further psy-  
10 chiatric care, including care for substance  
11 use disorders;

12 “(iii) evidence of adequate access to  
13 crisis care centers and crisis bed services;  
14 and

15 “(iv) evidence of adequate linkage to  
16 appropriate post-crisis care and longitu-  
17 dinal treatment for mental health or sub-  
18 stance use disorder when relevant.

19 “(B) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary shall  
20 carry out this subsection through notice and  
21 comment rulemaking, following a request for in-  
22 formation from stakeholders.

23 “(c) COMPONENTS OF CRISIS RESPONSE CON-  
24 TINUUM.—The crisis response continuum consists of at  
25 least the following components:

1           “(1) CRISIS CALL CENTERS.—Regional clini-  
2 cally managed crisis call centers that provide tele-  
3 phonic crisis intervention capabilities. Such centers  
4 should meet National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
5 operational guidelines regarding suicide risk assess-  
6 ment and engagement and offer air traffic control-  
7 quality coordination of crisis care in real-time.

8           “(2) MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM.—Teams  
9 of providers that are available to reach any indi-  
10 vidual in the service area in their home, workplace,  
11 school, physician’s office or outpatient treatment set-  
12 ting, or any other community-based location of the  
13 individual in crisis in a timely manner.

14           “(3) CRISIS RECEIVING AND STABILIZATION FA-  
15 CILITIES.—Subacute inpatient facilities and other  
16 facilities specified by the Secretary that provide  
17 short-term observation and crisis stabilization serv-  
18 ices to all referrals, including the following services:

19           “(A) 23-HOUR CRISIS STABILIZATION  
20 SERVICES.—A direct care service that provides  
21 individuals in severe distress with up to 23 con-  
22 secutive hours of supervised care to assist with  
23 deescalating the severity of their crisis or need  
24 for urgent care in a subacute inpatient setting.

1           “(B) SHORT-TERM CRISIS RESIDENTIAL  
2 SERVICES.—A direct care service that assists  
3 with deescalating the severity of an individual’s  
4 level of distress or need for urgent care associ-  
5 ated with a substance use or mental health dis-  
6 order in a residential setting.

7           “(4) MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE  
8 URGENT CARE FACILITIES.—Ambulatory services  
9 available 12–24 hours per day, 7 days a week, where  
10 individuals experiencing crisis can walk in without  
11 an appointment to receive crisis assessment, crisis  
12 intervention, medication, and connection to con-  
13 tinuity of care.

14           “(5) ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AND PRO-  
15 VIDERS.—The Secretary shall specify additional fa-  
16 cilities and health care providers as part of the crisis  
17 response continuum, as the Secretary determines ap-  
18 propriate.

19           “(d) RELATIONSHIP TO STATE LAW.—

20           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
21 the standards established under this section are min-  
22 imum standards and nothing in this section may be  
23 construed to preclude a State from establishing ad-  
24 ditional standards, so long as such standards are not



1 inconsistent with the requirements of this section or  
 2 other applicable law.

3 “(2) WAIVER OR MODIFICATION.—The Sec-  
 4 retary shall establish a process under which a State  
 5 may request a waiver or modification of a standard  
 6 established under this section.”.

7 **SEC. 302. COVERAGE OF CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES.**

8 (a) COVERAGE UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the  
 10 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is  
 11 amended—

12 (A) in subparagraph (GG), by striking  
 13 “and” at the end;

14 (B) in subparagraph (HH), by striking the  
 15 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
 17 subparagraph:

18 “(II) crisis response services as defined in  
 19 subsection (III);”.

20 (2) CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES DEFINED.—

21 Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 22 1395x) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 23 lowing new subsection:

24 “(III) CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘crisis response  
2       services’ means mental health or substance use serv-  
3       ices that are furnished by a mobile crisis response  
4       team, a crisis receiving and stabilization facility,  
5       mental health or substance use urgent care facility,  
6       or other appropriate provider, as determined by the  
7       Secretary, to an individual, including children and  
8       adolescents, experiencing a mental health or sub-  
9       stance use crisis. Such term includes services identi-  
10      fied by the Secretary as part of the crisis response  
11      continuum of care under section 302 of the Behav-  
12      ioral Health Crisis Services Expansion Act.

13           “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the  
14      terms ‘mobile crisis response team’, ‘crisis receiving  
15      and stabilization facility’, and ‘mental health and  
16      substance use urgent care facility’ have the meaning  
17      given those terms for purposes of such section  
18      302.”.

19           (3) PAYMENT.—

20           (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of  
21      the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1))  
22      is amended—

23                   (i) by striking “and (DD)” and in-  
24                   serting “(DD)”; and

1 (ii) by inserting before the semicolon  
 2 at the end the following: “and (EE) with  
 3 respect to crisis response services described  
 4 in section 1861(s)(2)(II), the amounts paid  
 5 shall be 80 percent of the lesser of the ac-  
 6 tual charge for the service or the amount  
 7 determined under the payment basis estab-  
 8 lished under section 1834(z)”.

9 (B) ESTABLISHMENT OF PAYMENT  
 10 BASIS.—Section 1834 of the Social Security Act  
 11 (42 U.S.C. 1395m) is amended by adding at  
 12 the end the following new subsection:

13 “(z) PAYMENT FOR CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES.—  
 14 The Secretary shall establish a payment basis determined  
 15 appropriate by the Secretary with respect to crisis re-  
 16 sponse services (as defined in section 1861(III)) furnished  
 17 by a provider of services or supplier.”.

18 (4) AMBULANCE TRANSPORT OF INDIVIDUALS  
 19 IN CRISIS.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(l) of the  
 21 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(l)) is  
 22 amended by adding at the end the following  
 23 new paragraph:

24 “(18) TRANSPORTATION OF INDIVIDUALS IN  
 25 CRISIS.—With respect to ambulance services fur-

1 nished on or after the date that is 3 years after the  
2 date of the enactment of the Behavioral Health Cri-  
3 sis Services Expansion Act, the regulations described  
4 in section 1861(s)(7) shall provide coverage under  
5 such section for ambulance and other qualified emer-  
6 gency transport services to transport an individual  
7 experiencing a mental health or substance crisis to  
8 an appropriate facility, such as a community mental  
9 health center (as defined in section 1861(ff)(3)(B))  
10 or other facility or provider identified by the Sec-  
11 retary as part of the crisis response continuum of  
12 care under section 203 of the Behavioral Health Cri-  
13 sis Services Expansion Act, as appropriate, for crisis  
14 response services described in section  
15 1861(s)(2)(II).”.

16 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
17 1861(s)(7) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(7))  
18 is amended by striking “section 1834(l)(14)”  
19 and inserting “paragraphs (14) and (18) of sec-  
20 tion 1834(l)”.

21 (5) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
22 by this subsection shall apply to services furnished  
23 on or after the date that is 3 years after the date  
24 of the enactment of this Act.

1 (b) MANDATORY COVERAGE OF CRISIS RESPONSE  
2 SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.—Title XIX  
3 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in section 1902(a)(10)(A), in the matter  
6 preceding clause (i), by striking “and (30)” and in-  
7 serting “(30), and (31)”; and

8 (2) in section 1905—

9 (A) in subsection (a)—

10 (i) in paragraph (30), by striking “;  
11 and” and inserting a semicolon;

12 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (31)  
13 as paragraph (32); and

14 (iii) by inserting the following para-  
15 graph after paragraph (30):

16 “(31) crisis response services (as defined in sec-  
17 tion 1861(III)); and”.

18 (3) PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINA-  
19 TION BY CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICE PROVIDERS.—  
20 Section 1902(a)(47)(B) of the Social Security Act  
21 (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(47)(B)) is amended by insert-  
22 ing “or provider of crisis response services (as de-  
23 fined in section 1861(III))” after “any hospital”.

24 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
2           subparagraph (B), the amendments made by  
3           this section shall take effect on the date that is  
4           3 years after the date of the enactment of this  
5           Act.

6           (B) DELAY PERMITTED IF STATE LEGISLA-  
7           TION REQUIRED.—In the case of a State plan  
8           under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42  
9           U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) which the Secretary of  
10          Health and Human Services determines re-  
11          quires State legislation (other than legislation  
12          appropriating funds) in order for the plan to  
13          meet the additional requirements imposed by  
14          the amendments made by this section, the State  
15          plan shall not be regarded as failing to comply  
16          with the requirements of such title solely on the  
17          basis of the failure of the plan to meet such ad-  
18          ditional requirements before the first day of the  
19          first calendar quarter beginning after the close  
20          of the first regular session of the State legisla-  
21          ture that begins after the date of enactment of  
22          this Act. For purposes of the previous sentence,  
23          in the case of a State that has a 2-year legisla-  
24          tive session, each year of such session shall be

1           deemed to be a separate regular session of the  
2           State legislature.

3           (c)    ESSENTIAL    HEALTH    BENEFITS.—Section  
4   1302(b)(1)(E) of the Patient Protection and Affordable  
5   Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18022(b)(1)(E)) is amended by in-  
6   serting “and crisis response services (as defined in section  
7   1861(III) of the Social Security Act)” before the period.

8           (d)    GROUP HEALTH PLANS AND HEALTH INSUR-  
9   ANCE ISSUERS.—

10           (1)   IN GENERAL.—Section 2707 of the Public  
11   Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–6) is amended  
12   by adding at the end the following:

13           “(e)   CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES.—A group health  
14   plan or a health insurance issuer offering group or indi-  
15   vidual health insurance coverage shall ensure that such  
16   coverage includes crisis response services (as defined in  
17   section 1861(III) of the Social Security Act).”.

18           (2)   APPLICATION    TO    GRANDFATHERED  
19   PLANS.—Section 1251(a)(4)(A) of the Public Health  
20   Service Act (42 U.S.C. 18011(a)(4)(A)) is amended  
21   by adding at the end the following new clause:

22                           “(v) Section 2707(e) (relating to cov-  
23                           erage of crisis response services).”.

24           (e)    TRICARE COVERAGE.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
 2           shall provide coverage under the TRICARE program  
 3           for crisis response services, as defined in section  
 4           1861(III) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 5           1395x) (as amended by section 303).

6           (2) TRICARE PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this sec-  
 7           tion, the term “TRICARE program” has the mean-  
 8           ing given the term in section 1072 of title 10,  
 9           United States Code.

10          (f) REIMBURSEMENT FOR CRISIS RESPONSE SERV-  
 11       ICES FOR VETERANS.—Section 1725(f)(1) of title 38,  
 12       United States Code, is amended, in the matter preceding  
 13       subparagraph (A), by inserting “, including crisis response  
 14       services (as defined in subsection (III) of section 1861 of  
 15       the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x)),” after “serv-  
 16       ices”.

17          (g) COVERAGE UNDER FEHB.—

18               (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8902 of title 5,  
 19       United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
 20       end the following:

21       “(p) Each contract for a plan under this chapter shall  
 22       require the carrier to provide coverage for crisis response  
 23       services, as that term is defined in subsection (III) of sec-  
 24       tion 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x).”.



1           (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
 2       by paragraph (1) shall apply beginning with respect  
 3       to the third contract year for chapter 89 of title 5,  
 4       United States Code, that begins on or after the date  
 5       that is 3 years after the date of enactment of this  
 6       Act.

7       (h) COVERAGE UNDER CHIP.—Section 2103(c)(5)  
 8       of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397cc(c)(5)) is  
 9       amended—

10           (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at  
 11       the end;

12           (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period  
 13       and inserting “; and”; and

14           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 15       paragraph:

16           “(C) beginning on the date that is 3 years  
 17       after the date of the enactment of this subpara-  
 18       graph, crisis response services (as defined in  
 19       section 1861(lll)).”.

20       **SEC. 303. BUILDING THE CRISIS CONTINUUM INFRASTRUC-**  
 21       **TURE.**

22       (a) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH  
 23       BLOCK GRANT.—Section 1920 of the Public Health Serv-  
 24       ice Act (42 U.S.C. 300x-9) is amended by adding at the  
 25       end the following:

1       “(d) SUPPORT FOR CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES IN-  
2   FRASTRUCTURE.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts  
4       made available under subsection (a), there are au-  
5       thorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-  
6       essary for each of fiscal years 2022, 2023, and  
7       2024, for purposes of supporting the infrastructure  
8       needed to provide crisis response services (as defined  
9       in section 1861(III) of the Social Security Act) in the  
10      States, which may include training and continuing  
11      education, and administrative expenses with respect  
12      to the provision of such services.

13          “(2) ALLOTMENTS.—Each fiscal year for which  
14      amounts are appropriated under paragraph (1), the  
15      Secretary shall allot to each State that receives a  
16      grant under section 1911 for the fiscal year an  
17      amount that bears the same relationship to the total  
18      amount appropriated under paragraph (1) for the  
19      fiscal year that the amount received by the State  
20      under section 1911(a) for the fiscal year bears to  
21      the total amount appropriated under subsection (a)  
22      for the fiscal year.

23          “(e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall  
24      provide to States technical assistance regarding the provi-  
25      sion of crisis response services, as defined in section

1 1861(III) of the Social Security Act, including guidance on  
 2 how States may blend Medicaid funds available to States  
 3 under title XIX of the Social Security Act and funds avail-  
 4 able to States under the community mental health services  
 5 block grant program under this subpart and the substance  
 6 abuse prevention and treatment block grant program  
 7 under subpart II to provide such services.

8 “(f) CLEARINGHOUSE OF BEST PRACTICES.—The  
 9 Secretary shall develop and maintain a publicly available  
 10 clearinghouse of best practices for the successful operation  
 11 of each segment of the system for providing crisis response  
 12 services (as defined in section 1861(III) of the Social Secu-  
 13 rity Act) and the integration of such best practices into  
 14 the provision of such services. The clearinghouse shall be  
 15 updated annually.

16 “(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—With respect to  
 17 funds allocated under the crisis care set-aside authorized  
 18 under (a), the provisions contained in 1912(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
 19 shall not apply.”.

20 **SEC. 304. INCIDENT REPORTING.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROTOCOL PANEL.—The  
 22 Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in  
 23 this section as the “Secretary”), in consultation with the  
 24 Attorney General, shall convene a panel for the purposes  
 25 of making recommendations for training and protocol for

1 9–1–1 dispatchers to respond appropriately to individuals  
2 experiencing a behavioral health crisis based on the char-  
3 acteristics of the incident and the needs of the caller.

4 (b) PANELISTS.—The Secretary shall appoint individ-  
5 uals to serve staggered 10-year terms on the panel estab-  
6 lished under subsection (a). Such individuals shall in-  
7 clude—

8 (1) psychiatrists;

9 (2) paramedics and other emergency medical  
10 services personnel;

11 (3) law enforcement officers and 9–1–1 dis-  
12 patchers;

13 (4) representatives from each segment of the  
14 crisis response continuum, as described in section  
15 302, including 9–8–8 dispatchers;

16 (5) individuals who have received services under  
17 such crisis response continuum, including individuals  
18 under the age of 18;

19 (6) members of underserved communities in-  
20 cluding ethnic and racial minority groups and sexual  
21 orientation and gender minority groups;

22 (7) representatives from Tribes or Tribal orga-  
23 nizations; and

24 (8) other individuals, as the Secretary deter-  
25 mines appropriate.

1 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—

2 (1) TOPICS.—In issuing recommendations  
3 under this section, the panel shall consider—

4 (A) connecting 9–1–1 callers to crisis care  
5 services instead of responding with law enforce-  
6 ment officers;

7 (B) integrating the 9–8–8 system into the  
8 9–1–1 system, or transferring calls from the 9–  
9 1–1 system to the 9–8–8 system as appropriate;  
10 and

11 (C) a process for identifying 9–1–1 callers  
12 who may be experiencing psychiatric symptoms  
13 or a mental health crisis, substance use crisis,  
14 or co-occurring crisis and evaluating the level of  
15 need of such callers, as defined by relevant,  
16 standardized assessment tools such as the Level  
17 of Care Utilization System (LOCUS), the Child  
18 and Adolescent Level of Care Utilization Sys-  
19 tem (CALOCUS), and the American Society of  
20 Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria.

21 (2) UPDATES.—The panel shall update rec-  
22 ommendations issued under this section not less fre-  
23 quently than every 5 years.

## **TITLE IV—MEDICAID AMENDMENTS**

### **SEC. 401. REVISIONS TO THE STATE OPTION TO PROVIDE QUALIFYING COMMUNITY-BASED MOBILE CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES AND OTHER SERVICES UNDER STATE PLANS UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1947 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396w–6) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “for qualifying community-based mobile crisis intervention services” and inserting “for—

“(1) qualifying community-based mobile crisis intervention services;

“(2) regional and local lifeline call center operations; and

“(3) programs for the purpose receiving and stabilization individuals (including beds in homes and facilities for such purpose).”; and

(B) by striking “during the 5-year period”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “85 percent.” and inserting the following: “85 percent, and for medical assistance for items described in paragraphs (2)

1 and (3) of subsection (a) furnished during such  
2 quarter shall be equal to 85 percent.”; and

3 (B) by striking “occurring during the pe-  
4 riod described in subsection (a) that a State”  
5 and inserting “in which a State provides med-  
6 ical assistance for qualifying community-based  
7 mobile crisis intervention services under this  
8 section and”;

9 (3) in subsection (e), by adding at the end at  
10 the following new sentence: “There is appropriated,  
11 out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise ap-  
12 propriated, \$5,000,000 to the Secretary for the pur-  
13 poses described in the preceding sentence to remain  
14 available until expended.”; and

15 (4) in subsection (d)(2)—

16 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “for  
17 the fiscal year preceding the first fiscal quarter  
18 occurring during the period described in sub-  
19 section (a)” and inserting “for the fiscal year  
20 preceding the first fiscal quarter in which the  
21 State provides medical assistance for qualifying  
22 community-based mobile crisis intervention  
23 services under this section”; and

24 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “oc-  
25 ccurring during the period described in sub-

1           section (a)” and inserting “occurring during a  
2           fiscal quarter”.

3           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
4 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
5 ment of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public  
6 Law 117–2).

7   **SEC. 402. REVISIONS TO THE IMD EXCLUSION UNDER MED-**  
8                           **ICAID.**

9           (a) **SHRINKING OF THE IMD EXCLUSION UNDER**  
10 **MEDICAID.**—Section 1905(a)(1) of the Social Security Act  
11 (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(1)) is amended by inserting “, except  
12 for, services that, beginning the day after the date of the  
13 enactment of the 9–8–8 National Suicide Prevention Life-  
14 line Implementation Act of 2022, are furnished in psy-  
15 chiatric acute care crisis beds administered by community  
16 behavioral health organizations certified under section 223  
17 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014, mental  
18 health centers that meet the criteria of section 1913(c)  
19 of the Public Health Service Act, crisis receiving and sta-  
20 bilization facilities (as defined in section 302(c)(3) of the  
21 9–8–8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Implementa-  
22 tion Act of 2022) and the mental health and substance  
23 use urgent care facilities (as defined in section 302(c)(5)  
24 of such Act)”.



1 (b) GUIDANCE RELATING TO IMD EXCLUSION.—Not  
2 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of  
3 this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
4 shall issue guidance that crisis stabilization units (as de-  
5 scribed in section 1905(a)(1) of the Social Security Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(1)) are excluded from the prohibition  
7 specified in the parenthetical of paragraph (1) of section  
8 1905(a) (relating to services in an institution for mental  
9 diseases), including the following facilities and services:

10 (1) Subacute crisis receiving in inpatient or  
11 other facilities specified by the Secretary that pro-  
12 vide short-term observation for all referrals to indi-  
13 viduals in severe distress, as further defined by the  
14 Secretary, with up to 23 consecutive hours of super-  
15 vised care to assist with deescalating the severity of  
16 a mental health or substance use crisis or need for  
17 urgent care in a sub-acute inpatient setting.

18 (2) Short term crisis stabilization services as-  
19 sisting with deescalating the severity of individuals  
20 in severe distress, as defined by the Secretary, or  
21 need for urgent care associated with a substance use  
22 or mental health disorder in an inpatient or residen-  
23 tial setting with reimbursement limited to 72 hours.

24 (c) REPORTS ON CRISIS STABILIZATION UTILIZA-  
25 TION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-

1 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appro-  
2 priate congressional committees of jurisdiction a report  
3 addressing the utilization of facility-based crisis services,  
4 including the number of patients served, type and duration  
5 of facility-based services, linkage to community-based re-  
6 sources, and information on the total number of law en-  
7 forcement drop-offs and other data relevant for diverting  
8 mental health and substance use disorder emergencies  
9 from law enforcement response.

10 **SEC. 403. EXCELLENCE IN MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDIC-**  
11 **TION TREATMENT.**

12 (a) EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH  
13 SERVICES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section 223 of  
14 the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (42 U.S.C.  
15 1396a note) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the  
17 following new paragraph:

18 “(3) PLANNING GRANTS FOR ADDITIONAL  
19 STATES.—In addition to the planning grants award-  
20 ed under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall award  
21 planning grants to States (other than States selected  
22 to conduct demonstration programs under para-  
23 graphs (1) or (8) of subsection (d)) for the purpose  
24 of developing proposals to participate in time-limited

demonstration programs described in subsection (d).”;

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (3), by striking “Subject to paragraph (8)” and inserting “Subject to paragraphs (8) and (9)”;

(B) in paragraph (5)(C)(iii)(II), by inserting “or paragraph (9)” after “paragraph (8)”;

(C) in paragraph (7)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “through the year in which the last demonstration under this section ends” after “annually thereafter”;

(ii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) by striking “December 31, 2021” and inserting “September 30, 2023”; and

(II) by adding at the end the following new sentence: “Such recommendations shall include data collected after 2019.”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) FINAL EVALUATION.—Not later than 18 months after all demonstration programs

1 under this section have ended, the Secretary  
2 shall submit to Congress a final evaluation of  
3 such programs.”; and

4 (D) by adding at the end the following new  
5 paragraph:

6 “(9) FURTHER ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS.—In  
7 addition to the States selected under paragraphs (1)  
8 and (8), the Secretary shall select any State that  
9 submits an application that includes such informa-  
10 tion as the Secretary shall require to conduct a dem-  
11 onstration program that meets the requirements of  
12 paragraph (2) and paragraphs (4) through (7) for 2  
13 years or through September 30, 2023, whichever is  
14 longer.”; and

15 (3) in subsection (f)(1)(B), by inserting “, and  
16 \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2022” before the period.

17 (b) CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
18 CLINIC EXPANSION GRANTS.—Part D of title V of the  
19 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290dd et seq.) is  
20 amended by adding at the end the following:

21 **“SEC. 553. CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
22 **CLINIC EXPANSION GRANTS.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary shall  
24 award grants to communities and community organiza-  
25 tions that meet the criteria for certified community behav-

1 ioral health clinics under section 223(a) of the Protecting  
2 Access to Medicare Act A of 2014. Grants awarded under  
3 this subsection shall be for a period of not more than 5  
4 years.

5 “(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Assistant Sec-  
6 retary may provide appropriate information, training, and  
7 technical assistance through appropriate contract proce-  
8 dures to entities receiving grants under subsection (a), or  
9 to health or social service providers pursuing certified  
10 community behavioral health clinics status or partnering  
11 with certified community behavioral health clinics, State  
12 policymakers considering certified community behavioral  
13 health clinics implementation under the Medicaid pro-  
14 gram, and other stakeholders to facilitate successful imple-  
15 mentation of the certification model.

16 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

17 “(1) GRANT PROGRAM.—For purposes of  
18 awarding grants under subsection (a), there is au-  
19 thorized to be appropriated \$500,000,000 for the pe-  
20 riod of fiscal years 2022 through 2024.

21 “(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—For purposes  
22 of carrying out the technical assistance program  
23 under subsection (b), there are authorized to be ap-

- 1        appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022
- 2        through 2026.”.

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