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H. R. 9247

To amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a public health education, awareness, and outreach campaign to enhance access to abortion and related health services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 This Act may be cited as the “Abortion Care Aware-
5 ness Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**
2 **ON ACCESS TO ABORTION AND RELATED**
3 **HEALTH SERVICES.**

4 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 **“SEC. 399V-7. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS CAM-**
8 **PAIGN ON ACCESS TO ABORTION AND RE-**
9 **LATED HEALTH SERVICES.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a
11 coordinated, focused, national public health education,
12 awareness, and outreach campaign to enhance access to
13 abortion and related health services.

14 “(b) CAMPAIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The campaign
15 under subsection (a) shall—

16 “(1) include education, awareness, and outreach
17 regarding—

18 “(A) where and how to access abortion and
19 related health services, including where and how
20 to access medication abortion that is consistent
21 with the labeling most recently approved by the
22 Food and Drug Administration;

23 “(B) medically accurate information about
24 medication abortion;

1 “(C) the right of patients to legally travel
2 across State lines to obtain abortion and related
3 health services;

4 “(D) how to differentiate facilities com-
5 monly known as crisis pregnancy centers from
6 facilities that actually provide abortion and re-
7 lated health services, including how to iden-
8 tify—

9 “(i) misleading claims by such centers
10 about reproductive health care; and

11 “(ii) inaccurate, misleading, or stig-
12 matizing information disseminated by such
13 centers about the risks of abortion and
14 contraception; and

15 “(E) how to identify misinformation re-
16 garding abortion and related health services in-
17 tended to deceive, or to discourage individuals
18 from accessing such services; and

19 “(2) be designed to ensure cultural competency,
20 efficacy, and accessibility for and within underserved
21 communities, including communities of color, immi-
22 grants, people with disabilities, people with limited
23 English proficiency, people with low income, young
24 people, LGBTQI+ people, and people living in rural
25 or other medically underserved areas.

1 “(c) CAMPAIGN LIMITATIONS.—In carrying out the
2 campaign under subsection (a), the Secretary shall not—

3 “(1) promote misinformation regarding the
4 safety of abortion and related health services;

5 “(2) promote abstinence-only-until-marriage
6 programs, also referred to as sexual risk avoidance
7 education programs, or other programs that are not
8 comprehensive or medically accurate; or

9 “(3) collect, retain, use, or disclose personal in-
10 formation about visitors to any website, app, or
11 other educational or campaign resource.

12 “(d) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the campaign
13 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

14 “(1) licensed health care professionals who are
15 experts in reproductive health as well as abortion
16 and related health services, including medication
17 abortion;

18 “(2) nonprofit organizations whose missions are
19 focused on expanding reproductive rights and repro-
20 ductive justice, including abortion funds;

21 “(3) State and local public health departments;
22 and

23 “(4) nonprofit institutions of higher education.

1 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
2 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
3 priated such sums as may be necessary.”.

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