

Representatives BLUNT ROCHESTER and BILIRAKIS.

Research shows that socioeconomic conditions, such as job loss, lack of transportation, inadequate housing, among others, can contribute to poor health outcomes.

The Trump administration took a key step at the beginning of this year by releasing guidance to States on how to better utilize Medicaid to support social determinants of health. It provided real-world examples that States are taking to improve outcomes for beneficiaries.

For example, Medicaid managed care plans in my home State of Kentucky are leading the way by using care coordinators to connect vulnerable beneficiaries to social support services like food pantries and daycare services.

The CARING for Social Determinants Act would require HHS to update this guidance every 3 years in order to drive future innovation in State Medicaid programs.

I am proud of the important steps this bill takes to improve health outcomes for some of our most vulnerable populations.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I have no Members who wish to speak, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS).

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member and the chairman of the committee and, of course, the ranking member of the full committee, CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS, for their work on this bill.

I am honored to be here today to speak in support of H.R. 3894 and would like to thank my colleague and friend, Representative BLUNT ROCHESTER, for sponsoring this important piece of legislation. This is a really good bill.

I also want to thank my esteemed colleagues on the Energy and Commerce Committee for their continued bipartisan efforts to benefit American patients under innovative delivery models through increased data.

The CARING for Social Determinants Act, which I proudly co-lead, would provide routine guidance and strategies to States to address the social determinants of health under the Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP program.

This bill also solidifies States' authority to continue innovative waiver payment models, which consequently improves Medicaid beneficiaries' health outcomes.

This is really a great bill, Mr. Speaker, and I want to thank the chairman. We truly do work in a bipartisan fashion in this committee, in most cases.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote in support of this bill.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3894, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mrs. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

## SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH DATA ANALYSIS ACT OF 2021

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4026) to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report on actions taken by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to address social determinants of health.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4026

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Social Determinants of Health Data Analysis Act of 2021".

### SEC. 2. REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ADDRESS SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH.

Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on actions taken by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this section referred to as the "Secretary") to address social determinants of health. Such report shall include the following:

(1) An analysis of how any data collection undertaken by the Secretary in furtherance of such actions complies with Federal and State privacy laws and regulations.

(2) A description of any coordination undertaken by the Secretary with other relevant Federal agencies and State and local authorities as part of such actions.

(3) An identification of any potential for duplication of such actions or other barriers to such actions.

(4) Recommendations on how to foster private-public partnerships, as well as how best to leverage private sector efforts, to address social determinants of health.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 4026.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, social determinants, or social drivers, of health affect every single person in our communities. They are aspects of our daily living, such as the conditions in the places where we live, learn, work, and play, which can positively or negatively affect a wide range of health risks and outcomes.

Through our healthcare system, social determinants of health are being examined as part of a holistic view of a person's healthcare.

A noted example was highlighted by The New England Journal of Medicine linking the loop that determinants can play throughout a person's life. Poor health or lack of education can impact employment opportunities which, in turn, constrains income. Low incomes reduce access to healthcare and nutritious food and overall increase hardship. Hardship causes stress which, in turn, promotes unhealthy coping mechanisms, such as substance abuse and poor nutrition choices. And poor nutrition increases risk factors for heart disease, obesity, and diabetes.

When not given an equal opportunity to thrive, these social factors can compound and snowball to negatively impact a person and their community. Fortunately, States are becoming innovative in addressing social needs in the communities to improve health and decrease costs.

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Today, we are taking another step in the right direction by considering H.R. 4026, the Social Determinants of Health Data Analysis Act of 2021. This bipartisan legislation requires a report on programs undertaken by the Department of Health and Human Services to address social determinants of health. The report would include recommendations to foster private-public partnerships and include an analysis of privacy measures as part of social determinants of health data collection.

The report and research, Mr. Speaker, will help inform our future work on social determinants, and, therefore, it is important that we pass this bill.

I urge my colleagues to support the legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4026, the Social Determinants of Health Data Analysis Act of 2021, led by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) and the gentlewoman from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER), my Energy and Commerce Committee colleagues.

Social determinants of health impact the quality of an individual's life and

can drive health outcomes. These determinants are not routinely collected or utilized by healthcare providers to help address patients' health conditions and improve their quality of life.

The Social Determinants of Health Data Analysis Act requires the GAO to submit a report to Congress on existing actions taken by the Department of Health and Human Services to address social determinants of health. This legislation would, therefore, allow us to better understand existing Federal initiatives to address social determinants of health.

It will also inform us of potential future interventions that would be most effective in fully addressing these needs in our communities.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4026.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mrs. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BRITISH-AMERICAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following Members on the part of the House to the British-American Inter-parliamentary Group:

Mr. MEEKS, New York  
Ms. DELBENE, Washington  
Mr. KILMER, Washington  
Mr. CROW, Colorado  
Mr. GOMEZ, California  
Mr. JEFFRIES, New York

#### APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9455(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following individual on the part of the House to the

Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Ms. Maria Zoe Dunning, Oakland, California

#### COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chair of the Committee on Ethics:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,  
Washington, DC, November 22, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On October 14, 2021, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received notice of a fine imposed upon Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g). Representative Greene did not file an appeal with the Committee prior to the expiration of the time period specified in clause 3(g)(3)(B) of House Rule II.

Sincerely,

THEODORE E. DEUTCH,  
Chairman.  
JACKIE WALORSKI,  
Ranking Member.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chair of the Committee on Ethics:

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
November 29, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On October 21, 2021, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received notice of a fine imposed upon Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g). Representative Greene did not file an appeal with the Committee prior to the expiration of the time period specified in clause 3(g)(3)(B) of House Rule II.

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THEODORE E. DEUTCH,  
Chairman.  
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Ranking Member.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. SEWELL) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

#### SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH DATA ANALYSIS ACT OF 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4026) to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report on actions taken by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to address social determinants of health, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 399, nays 28, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 387]

YEAS—399

Adams	Castor (FL)	Fischbach
Aderholt	Castro (TX)	Fitzgerald
Aguilar	Chabot	Fitzpatrick
Allen	Cheney	Fleischmann
Allred	Chu	Fletcher
Amodei	Cicilline	Fortenberry
Armstrong	Clark (MA)	Foster
Arrington	Clarke (NY)	Fox
Auchincloss	Cleaver	Frankel, Lois
Axne	Cloud	Franklin, C.
Bacon	Clyburn	Scott
Baird	Clyde	Fulcher
Balderson	Cohen	Gallagher
Banks	Cole	Gallego
Barr	Comer	Garamendi
Barragán	Connolly	Garbarino
Bass	Cooper	Garcia (CA)
Beatty	Correa	Gibbs
Bentz	Costa	Gimenez
Bera	Courtney	Golden
Bergman	Craig	Gomez
Beyer	Crawford	Gonzales, Tony
Bice (OK)	Crenshaw	Gonzalez (OH)
Bilirakis	Crist	Gottheimer
Bishop (GA)	Crow	Granger
Blumenauer	Cuellar	Graves (LA)
Blunt Rochester	Curtis	Graves (MO)
Bonamici	Davidson (KS)	Green (TN)
Bost	Davis, Danny K.	Green, Al (TX)
Bourdeaux	Davis, Rodney	Griffith
Bowman	Dean	Grijalva
Boyle, Brendan	DeFazio	Grothman
F.	DeGette	Guest
Brown (MD)	DeLauro	Guthrie
Brown (OH)	DelBene	Hagedorn
Brownley	Delgado	Harder (CA)
Buchanan	Demings	Harris
Bucshon	DeSaulnier	Harshbarger
Burchett	DesJarlais	Hartzler
Burgess	Deutch	Hayes
Bush	Diaz-Balart	Hern
Bustos	Doggett	Herrell
Butterfield	Donalds	Herrera Beutler
Calvert	Doyle, Michael	Hice (GA)
Cammack	F.	Higgins (LA)
Carbajal	Duncan	Higgins (NY)
Cárdenas	Dunn	Hill
Carey	Ellzey	Himes
Carl	Emmer	Hinson
Carson	Eshoo	Hollingsworth
Carter (GA)	Españillat	Horsford
Carter (LA)	Estes	Houlahan
Carter (TX)	Evans	Hoyer
Cartwright	Fallon	Hudson
Case	Feenstra	Huffman