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To establish a grant program that provides grants to States, Indian Tribal governments, Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, local governments, and community-based organizations to establish and support PrEP programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. JONES, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. COHEN, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. STANTON, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. PORTER, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. TONKO, Mr. WELCH, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. BASS, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. POCAN, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. PAPPAS, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To establish a grant program that provides grants to States, Indian Tribal governments, Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, local governments, and community-based organizations to establish and support PrEP programs, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “PrEP Assistance Pro-
3 gram Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS PROGRAM GRANT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
7 Human Services shall establish a program that provides
8 grants to States, Indian Tribal governments, Federally
9 qualified health centers, rural health clinics, local govern-
10 ments, and community-based organizations to establish
11 and support PrEP programs.

12 (b) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant
13 under subsection (a), a State, Indian Tribal government,
14 Federally qualified health center, rural health clinic, local
15 government, or community-based organization shall sub-
16 mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such
17 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary
18 may require, including a description of how any amounts
19 awarded shall be used.

20 (c) AMOUNT.—Any grant provided to a State, Indian
21 Tribal government, Federally qualified health center, rural
22 health clinic, local government, or community-based orga-
23 nization under this section may not exceed \$10,000,000.

24 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any State, Indian Tribal
26 government, Federally qualified health center, rural

1 health clinic, local government, or community-based
2 organization that is awarded an amount under sub-
3 section (a) shall use such amount for expenses asso-
4 ciated with establishing a PrEP program or sup-
5 porting an existing PrEP program.

6 (2) ELIGIBLE EXPENSES.—The Secretary shall
7 publish a list of eligible expenses associated with es-
8 tablishing a PrEP program or supporting an exist-
9 ing PrEP program and this list shall include—

10 (A) clinic and laboratory fees;

11 (B) office visits;

12 (C) PrEP medication;

13 (D) blood and urine testing as required in
14 association with the use of PrEP medication;

15 (E) sexually transmitted disease testing in
16 accordance with guidelines issued by the Cen-
17 ters for Disease Control and Prevention;

18 (F) adherence services and counseling;

19 (G) outreach activities directed toward as-
20 sisting health professionals to become eligible to
21 prescribe pre-exposure prophylaxis medications
22 in the State or Indian Tribal government where
23 the program is operating;

1 (H) outreach activities directed toward
2 physicians that provide education about PrEP;
3 and

4 (I) other similar items or services.

5 (e) PAYMENT FOR SERVICES.—An individual that re-
6 ceives a service or item from a PrEP program established
7 or supported using amounts under this section may not
8 be required to provide payment for such service or item.

9 (f) MATCHING.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except with respect to an
11 Indian Tribal government, a grantee under this sec-
12 tion shall contribute, to the PrEP program estab-
13 lished or supported by the grant, an amount equal
14 to not less than 10 percent of the amount of the
15 grant.

16 (2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may waive the
17 requirement under paragraph (1) for Federally
18 qualified health centers, rural health clinics, and
19 community-based organizations if the Secretary de-
20 termines such a waiver is necessary.

21 (g) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall, in
22 each of the first 5 years beginning 1 year after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act, submit to Congress, and
24 make public on the Internet website of the Department
25 of Health and Human Services, a report on the impact

1 of grants provided to States, Indian Tribal governments,
2 Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics,
3 local governments, and community-based organizations
4 under this Act.

5 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act
7 \$400,000,000 for each of the first 5 fiscal years beginning
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

10 (1) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.—The
11 term “community-based organization” means a non-
12 profit or private organization that—

13 (A) represents a community or significant
14 segments of a community;

15 (B) provides health care or health-related
16 services to high-risk or high-need individuals in
17 a community; and

18 (C) demonstrates effectiveness with respect
19 to such health care or health-related services.

20 (2) FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CEN-
21 TER.—The term “Federally qualified health center”
22 has the meaning given the term in section 1861(aa)
23 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)).

24 (3) INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term
25 “Indian Tribal government” means the governing

1 body of any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, na-
2 tion, pueblo, village, or community that the Sec-
3 retary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an In-
4 dian tribe under the Federally Recognized Indian
5 Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 479a et seq.).

6 (4) PREP PROGRAM.—The term “PrEP pro-
7 gram” means a program designed to provide pre-ex-
8 posure prophylaxis and pre-exposure prophylaxis- re-
9 lated services to individuals.

10 (5) PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS.—The term
11 “pre-exposure prophylaxis” means any medication
12 approved by the Federal Drug Administration and
13 designed to prevent individuals at risk of contracting
14 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) from con-
15 tracting human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

16 (6) RURAL HEALTH CLINIC.—The term “rural
17 health clinic” has the meaning give such term in sec-
18 tion 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
19 1395x(aa)).

20 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
21 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

22 (8) STATE.—The term “State” means each
23 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
24 Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American

- 1 Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern
- 2 Mariana Islands.

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