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To require the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to conduct a study on temporary family health care structures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 6, 2020

Mr. GRIFFITH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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 “Granny Pods Study
5 Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON TEMPORARY FAMILY HEALTH CARE**
2 **STRUCTURES.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Administrator of the Centers for
4 Medicare & Medicaid shall conduct a study on provision
5 of long term care to mentally or physically impaired indi-
6 viduals using temporary family health care structures. The
7 study shall include:

8 (1) An identification of the services currently
9 covered by Medicare program or the Medicaid pro-
10 gram that could reasonably be provided in a tem-
11 porary family health care structure by a caregiver or
12 a home health provider.

13 (2) A determination of reasonable reimburse-
14 ment rates for those services identified under para-
15 graph (1) provided in a temporary family health care
16 structure setting.

17 (3) The cost differential between such rates and
18 the rates for such services furnished in a nursing fa-
19 cility.

20 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
21 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
22 Human Services, in coordination with other Federal agen-
23 cies, if appropriate, shall submit to the Committee on En-
24 ergy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a re-
25 port on the activities undertaken pursuant to subsection

1 (a) and the results of the study conducted under such sub-
2 section.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 For purposes of this Act:

5 (1) TEMPORARY FAMILY HEALTH CARE STRUC-
6 TURE.—The term “temporary family health care
7 structure” means a transportable residential struc-
8 ture, providing an environment facilitating a care-
9 giver’s provision of care for a mentally or physically
10 impaired individual, that—

11 (A) is primarily assembled at a location
12 other than its site of installation;

13 (B) is limited to one occupant who shall be
14 the mentally or physically impaired person; and

15 (C) has no more than 300 gross square
16 feet.

17 (2) LONG TERM CARE.—The term “long term
18 care” means care equivalent to that which would be
19 covered by the Medicare or Medicaid program in a
20 residential nursing facility if furnished to a bene-
21 ficiary under such program.

22 (3) CAREGIVER.—The term “caregiver” means
23 an adult who provides care for a mentally or phys-
24 ically impaired person. A caregiver shall be either re-
25 lated by blood, marriage, or adoption to, or the le-

1 gally appointed guardian of, the mentally or phys-
2 ically impaired person for whom the caregiver is car-
3 ing.

4 (4) MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY IMPAIRED INDI-
5 VIDUAL.—The term “mentally or physically impaired
6 individual” means an individual who qualifies for
7 benefits under the Medicare or Medicaid program
8 and requires assistance with two or more activities
9 of daily living, as certified in writing provided by a
10 physician licensed by the State in which the indi-
11 vidual resides.

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