H. R. 1554

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2017

Mr. Walberg (for himself, Mrs. Dingell, and Mr. Mooney of West Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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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 “Jessie’s Law”.

SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF OPIOID ADDICTION HISTORY IN PATIENT RECORDS.

(a) DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall develop and disseminate standards to provide information to hospitals
and physicians relating to prominently displaying the history of opioid addiction in the medical records (including electronic health records) of any patient who has provided information about such addiction to a health care provider.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The standards developed under subsection (a) shall take into account the following:

(1) The potential for addiction relapse or overdose death if opioid medications are prescribed to an individual recovering from opioid addiction.

(2) The need to display the past opioid addiction of a patient in a manner similar to other potentially lethal medical concerns, including drug allergies and contraindications.

(3) The need for information about past opioid addiction to be prominently displayed when a physician or medical professional is prescribing medication.

(4) The need for a variety of medical professionals, including physicians, nurses, and pharmacists, to have access to information described in this section when prescribing or dispensing opioid medication to ensure that the medication is medi-
cally appropriate given the history of addiction of
the patient.