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S. 824

To increase the number of States that may conduct Medicaid demonstration programs to improve access to community mental health services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. ERNST, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Excellence in Mental
5 Health and Addiction Treatment Expansion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DEM-**
7 **ONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

8 Section 223(d) of the Protecting Access to Medicare
9 Act of 2014 (42 U.S.C. 1396a note) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3)—

2 (A) by striking “Not more than” and in-
3 serting “Subject to paragraph (8), not more
4 than”; and

5 (B) by striking “2-year” and inserting “4-
6 year”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following new
8 paragraph:

9 “(8) ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS.—In addition to
10 the 8 States selected under paragraph (1), the Sec-
11 retary shall, not later than 1 year after the date of
12 enactment of the Excellence in Mental Health and
13 Addiction Treatment Expansion Act, select 11
14 States (which shall not include any States selected
15 under paragraph (1)) to participate in 2-year dem-
16 onstration programs that meet the requirements of
17 this subsection and represent a diverse selection of
18 geographic areas, including rural and underserved
19 areas.”.

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