

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2312

To provide for the use of peer support, peer mentoring, and career coaching in demonstration projects conducted under the health profession opportunity grant program under section 2008 of the Social Security Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2021

Mr. EVANS (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Mentoring and Sup-
5 porting Families Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF PEER SUPPORT, PEER MENTORING, AND CA-**
2 **REER COACHING.**

3 Section 2008 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
4 1397g) is amended by redesignating subsections (c) and
5 (d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively, and by insert-
6 ing after subsection (b) the following:

7 “(c) USE OF PEER SUPPORT, PEER MENTORING,
8 AND CAREER COACHING.—

9 “(1) PREFERENCE IN CONSIDERING APPLICA-
10 TIONS.—In considering applications for a grant
11 under this section, the Secretary shall give pref-
12 erence to—

13 “(A) applications that include opportuni-
14 ties for peer support or peer mentoring, and
15 make career coaching available, as part of the
16 case management plan; and

17 “(B) applications that include a commit-
18 ment to providing project participants with a
19 monthly cash stipend equivalent to 50 percent
20 of the Federal poverty level.

21 “(2) INCLUSION AMONG SUPPORT SERVICES.—
22 A project for which a grant is made under this sec-
23 tion shall include case management plans that in-
24 clude career coaching (with the option to offer ap-
25 propriate peer support and mentoring opportunities
26 to help develop soft skills and social capital), which

1 may be offered on an ongoing basis before, during,
2 and after initial training as part of a career pathway
3 model.”.

4 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 The amendment made by this Act shall take effect
6 on October 1, 2021.

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