

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7241

To amend title XIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the community mental health services block grant program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2022

Mr. CRENSHAW (for himself, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. GARCIA of California, and Mrs. LURIA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Community Mental Health  
5 Services Block Grant Reauthorization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SET-ASIDE FOR EVIDENCE-BASED CRISIS CARE**  
7 **SERVICES.**

8 Section 1920 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 300x-9) is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by striking  
2           “\$532,571,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through  
3           2022” and inserting “\$857,571,000 for each of fis-  
4           cal years 2023 through 2027”; and

5           (2) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(d) CRISIS CARE.—

7           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
8           graph (3), a State shall expend at least 5 percent of  
9           the amount the State receives pursuant to section  
10          1911 for each fiscal year to support evidenced-based  
11          programs that address the crisis care needs of indi-  
12          viduals with serious mental disorders, and children  
13          with serious mental and emotional disturbances.

14          “(2) CORE ELEMENTS.—At the discretion of  
15          the single State agency responsible for the adminis-  
16          tration of the program of the State under a grant  
17          under section 1911, funds expended pursuant to  
18          paragraph (1) may be used to fund some or all of  
19          the core crisis care service components, delivered ac-  
20          cording to evidence-based principles, including the  
21          following:

22                  “(A) Crisis call centers.

23                  “(B) 24/7 mobile crisis services.

24                  “(C) Crisis stabilization programs offering  
25          acute care or subacute care in a hospital or ap-

1           appropriately licensed facility, as determined by  
2           the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Serv-  
3           ices Administration, with referrals to inpatient  
4           or outpatient care.

5           “(3) STATE FLEXIBILITY.—In lieu of expending  
6           5 percent of the amount the State receives pursuant  
7           to section 1911 for a fiscal year to support evidence-  
8           based programs as required by paragraph (1), a  
9           State may elect to expend not less than 10 percent  
10          of such amount to support such programs by the  
11          end of two consecutive fiscal years.”.

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