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H. R. 9866

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on contraceptive access at community health centers in health care deserts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HINSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Access to LARC’s Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON ACCESS TO RANGE OF CON-**
2 **TRACEPTIVE METHODS AT COMMUNITY**
3 **HEALTH CENTERS.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and Human
5 Services (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”)
6 shall conduct a study on the access of women in need to
7 a range of contraceptive methods at community health
8 centers located in health care deserts. Such study shall—

9 (1) include analysis related to reimbursement,
10 inventory stocking, provider training, patient edu-
11 cation, and other barriers to community health cen-
12 ters providing a range of contraceptive methods; and

13 (2) indicate which community health centers
14 are recipients of funding under title X of the Public
15 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300 et seq.).

16 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
17 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
18 Congress a report describing the results of the study under
19 subsection (a).

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER.—The term
22 “community health center” means a health center
23 (as defined in section 330(a) of the Public Health
24 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(a))).

25 (2) CONTRACEPTIVE METHOD.—The term “con-
26 traceptive method” means—

1 (A) a drug or device (as such terms are de-
2 fined in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug,
3 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321)), or com-
4 bination product, approved for use under the
5 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
6 U.S.C. 321 et seq.) as a method of contracep-
7 tion, except when such drug, device, or com-
8 bination product is used on- or off-label as an
9 emergency contraceptive;

10 (B) sexual risk avoidance education; and

11 (C) natural family planning or other fer-
12 tility-based methods of family planning.

13 (3) HEALTH CARE DESERT.—The term “health
14 care desert” means a State or political subdivision
15 thereof with less than 1 community health center for
16 every 1,000 women in need.

17 (4) RANGE OF CONTRACEPTIVE METHODS.—
18 The term “range of contraceptive methods” means
19 2 or more contraceptive methods.

20 (5) WOMEN IN NEED.—The term “women in
21 need” means women eligible for benefits under a
22 Federal health care program (as defined in section
23 1128B(f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
24 1320a–7b(f))).

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