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S. 2954

To establish grant programs for health professional schools, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To establish grant programs for health professional schools,
and for other purposes.

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 “Health Care Workforce
5 Expansion Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAMS FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL**
7 **SCHOOLS.**

8 (a) MED, DENTAL, AND NURSE GRANTS.—Part
9 A of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20

1 U.S.C. 1070) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 **“Subpart 11—MED Grants**

4 **“SEC. 420S. DEFINITIONS.**

5 “For the purposes of this subpart:

6 “(1) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—The term ‘eligi-
 7 ble institution’ means an institution of higher edu-
 8 cation, as defined in section 101, that is a school of
 9 medicine or school of osteopathic medicine as de-
 10 fined in section 799B of the Public Health Service
 11 Act (42 U.S.C. 295p).

12 “(2) MEDICAL SCHOOL CANDIDATE.—The term
 13 ‘medical school candidate’ means a student in at-
 14 tendance at an eligible institution pursuing a profes-
 15 sional doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathic
 16 medicine degree.

17 **“SEC. 420T. PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.**

18 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—

19 “(1) PAYMENTS REQUIRED.—The Secretary
 20 shall pay to each eligible institution such sums as
 21 may be necessary to pay to each medical school can-
 22 didate who files an application and agreement in ac-
 23 cordance with section 420U, and who qualifies under
 24 such section, a MED Grant in the amount of tuition
 25 and required fees for each year during which that

1 medical school candidate is in attendance at the in-
2 stitution.

3 “(2) REFERENCES.—Grants made under para-
4 graph (1) shall be known as ‘MED Grants’.

5 “(b) PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—

6 “(1) PREPAYMENT.—Not less than 85 percent
7 of any funds provided to an eligible institution under
8 subsection (a) shall be advanced to the eligible insti-
9 tution prior to the start of each payment period and
10 shall be based upon an amount requested by the in-
11 stitution as needed to pay medical school candidates
12 until such time as the Secretary determines and
13 publishes in the Federal Register with an oppor-
14 tunity for comment, an alternative payment system
15 that provides payments to institutions in an accurate
16 and timely manner, except that this sentence shall
17 not be construed to limit the authority of the Sec-
18 retary to place an institution on a reimbursement
19 system of payment.

20 “(2) DIRECT PAYMENT.—Nothing in this sec-
21 tion shall be interpreted to prohibit the Secretary
22 from paying directly to medical school candidates, in
23 advance of the beginning of the academic term, an
24 amount for which medical school candidates are eli-
25 gible, in cases where the eligible institution elects

1 not to participate in the disbursement system re-
 2 quired by paragraph (1).

3 “(c) NO EXCEEDING COST.—The amount of a grant
 4 awarded under this subpart, in combination with Federal
 5 assistance, shall not exceed the cost of attendance (as de-
 6 fined in section 472) at the eligible institution at which
 7 that medical school candidate is in attendance.

8 “(d) PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS.—The pe-
 9 riod during which a medical school candidate may receive
 10 a MED grant under this subpart shall be the period re-
 11 quired for the completion of the professional medical de-
 12 gree being pursued by the medical school candidate at the
 13 eligible institution at which the medical school candidate
 14 is in attendance, except that the period during which a
 15 medical school candidate may receive a MED Grant under
 16 this subpart shall not exceed 8 years.

17 **“SEC. 420U. APPLICATION; AWARD.**

18 “(a) APPLICATION; AWARD.—

19 “(1) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall peri-
 20 odically set dates by which medical school candidates
 21 shall file applications for grants under this subpart.
 22 Each medical school candidate desiring a grant
 23 under this subpart for any year shall file an applica-
 24 tion containing such information as is necessary to
 25 demonstrate that the medical school candidate—

1 “(A) is an eligible student for purposes of
2 section 484;

3 “(B) has completed a FAFSA;

4 “(C) would like to receive a MED grant;
5 and

6 “(D) understands and agrees to the terms
7 and conditions of the agreement to serve de-
8 scribed in subparagraph (b).

9 “(2) AWARD.—The Secretary shall award a
10 MED grant to each eligible medical school candidate
11 who meets the requirements described in paragraph
12 (1) for each year that the application under such
13 paragraph is submitted and such requirements are
14 met.

15 “(b) AGREEMENTS TO SERVE.—Each application
16 under subsection (a) shall contain or be accompanied by
17 an agreement by the applicant that—

18 “(1) the applicant will—

19 “(A) practice primary care, as defined in
20 section 1886 of the Social Security Act (42
21 U.S.C. 1395ww), as a physician for at least 10
22 years after their related training is completed
23 (including residency or fellowship programs)
24 within 15 years after completing the degree for
25 which the applicant received a MED Grant

1 under this subpart or such related training (re-
2 ferred to in this section as the ‘service obliga-
3 tion window’); and

4 “(B) annually submit an employment cer-
5 tification, for each year of service, showing that
6 the requirement under subparagraph (A) is
7 being met;

8 “(2) in the event that the applicant is deter-
9 mined to have failed or refused to carry out such
10 service obligation, a specified amount of any MED
11 Grants received by such applicant will be treated as
12 a loan and collected from the applicant in accord-
13 ance with subsection (c) and the regulations there-
14 under; and

15 “(3) contains, or is accompanied by, a plain-
16 language disclosure form developed by the Secretary
17 that clearly describes the nature of the MED Grant
18 award, the service obligation, and the loan repay-
19 ment requirements that are the consequence of the
20 failure to complete the service obligation.

21 “(c) REPAYMENT FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE
22 SERVICE.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the event that any re-
24 cipient of a grant under this subpart fails or refuses
25 to comply with the service obligation in the agree-

1 ment under subsection (b), a specified amount as de-
 2 scribed in paragraph (3) of the MED Grants re-
 3 ceived by such recipient shall, upon a determination
 4 of such a failure or refusal in such service obliga-
 5 tion, be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized
 6 Stafford Loan under part D of title IV, and shall be
 7 subject to repayment, in accordance with paragraph
 8 (2).

9 “(2) INTEREST AND REPAYMENT.—Amounts
 10 that are converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Stafford
 11 Loan under paragraph (1) shall accrue interest at
 12 the rate applicable to such Direct Unsubsidized
 13 Stafford Loans for borrowers as of the date of con-
 14 version, and the recipient shall be eligible for the
 15 same repayment plans and borrower protections with
 16 respect to such converted loans as that recipient
 17 would otherwise be eligible for with respect to a Fed-
 18 eral Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan under part
 19 D of title IV for a borrower that is disbursed on the
 20 same date.

21 “(3) SPECIFIED AMOUNT TO BE REPAYED.—

22 “(A) 5 YEARS OR LESS.—If a MED Grant
 23 recipient has completed 5 years or less of re-
 24 quired service, the lesser of—

1 “(i) the total amount of MED grants
2 received by the recipient; or

3 “(ii) \$50,000.

4 “(B) GREATER THAN 5 YEARS AND LESS
5 THAN 10 YEARS.—If a MED Grant recipient
6 has completed more than 5 years of required
7 service but less than 10 years of required serv-
8 ice, the lesser of—

9 “(i) the total amount of MED grants
10 received by the recipient; or

11 “(ii) \$25,000.

12 “(C) CAP.—The amount of MED Grants
13 that is converted to a loan and required to be
14 repaid under this subsection shall not exceed
15 \$50,000.

16 “(4) RECONSIDERATION OF CONVERSION DECISIONS.—
17

18 “(A) REQUEST TO RECONSIDER.—In any
19 case where the Secretary has determined that a
20 recipient of a grant under this subpart has
21 failed or refused to comply with the service obli-
22 gation in the agreement under subsection (b)
23 and has converted the grant into a Federal Di-
24 rect Unsubsidized Stafford Loan under part D
25 in accordance with paragraph (1), (including

1 cases where such loans have been fully or par-
2 tially paid), the recipient may request that the
3 Secretary reconsider such initial determination
4 and may submit additional information to dem-
5 onstrate satisfaction of the service obligation.
6 Upon receipt of such a request, the Secretary
7 shall reconsider the determination in accordance
8 with this paragraph not later than 90 days
9 after the date that such request was received.

10 “(B) RECONSIDERATION.—If, in reconsid-
11 ering an initial determination under subpara-
12 graph (A) (including cases where such loans
13 were fully or partially paid), the Secretary de-
14 termines that the reason for such determination
15 was the recipient’s failure to timely submit a
16 certification required under subsection
17 (b)(1)(B), an error or processing delay by the
18 Secretary, a change to the fields considered eli-
19 gible for fulfillment of the service obligation (as
20 described in subsection (b)(1)(A)), a recipient
21 having previously requested to have the MED
22 Grant converted to a loan, or another valid rea-
23 son determined by the Secretary, and that the
24 recipient has, as of the date of the reconsider-
25 ation, demonstrated that the recipient did meet,

1 or is meeting the service obligation in the agree-
2 ment under subsection (b), the Secretary
3 shall—

4 “(i) discharge the Federal Direct Un-
5 subsidized Stafford Loan under part D,
6 and reinstate the recipient’s grant under
7 this subpart;

8 “(ii) discharge any interest or fees
9 that may have accumulated during the pe-
10 riod that the grant was converted to a
11 Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford
12 Loan under part D;

13 “(iii) if the recipient has other loans
14 under part D, apply any payments made
15 for the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Staf-
16 ford Loan under part D during such pe-
17 riod to those other loans under part D;

18 “(iv) if the recipient does not have
19 other loans under part D, reimburse the
20 recipient for any amounts paid on the Fed-
21 eral Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan
22 under part D during such period;

23 “(v) request that consumer reporting
24 agencies remove any negative credit report-

ing due to the conversion of the MED
Grant to a loan; and

“(vi) use the additional information
provided under subparagraph (A) to deter-
mine the progress the recipient has made
in meeting the service obligation.

“(C) EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE
SERVICE OBLIGATION.—In the case of a recipi-
ent whose MED Grant was reinstated in ac-
cordance with subparagraph (B), the Secretary
shall, upon such reinstatement—

“(i) extend the time remaining for the
recipient to fulfill the service obligation de-
scribed in subsection (b)(1) to a period of
time equal to—

“(I) 10 years; minus

“(II) the number of years that
the recipient completed service as a
physician in primary care prior to the
reconversion of the loan to a MED
Grant under subparagraph (B), in-
cluding any years of qualifying service
completed during the period when the
MED Grant was in loan status; and

1 “(ii) treat any years of service de-
2 scribed in subclause (II) of clause (i) as
3 years that count toward the individual’s
4 service obligation (regardless of whether
5 the MED Grant funds were in grant or
6 loan status) if that time otherwise meets
7 the requirements of this section.

8 “(d) ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—

9 “(1) EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.—The
10 Secretary shall establish, by regulation, categories of
11 extenuating circumstances under which a recipient
12 of a grant under this subpart who is unable to fulfill
13 all or part of the recipient’s service obligation may
14 be excused from fulfilling that portion of the service
15 obligation.

16 “(2) COMMUNICATION WITH RECIPIENTS.—The
17 Secretary shall notify MED grant recipients not less
18 than twice per calendar year regarding how to sub-
19 mit the employment certification under subsection
20 (b)(1)(B) and the recommendations and require-
21 ments for submitting that certification under para-
22 graph (3).

23 “(3) SUBMISSION OF EMPLOYMENT CERTIFI-
24 CATION.—

25 “(A) RECOMMENDED SUBMISSIONS.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
2 shall notify MED Grant recipients that the
3 Department recommends that MED Grant
4 recipients submit the employment certifi-
5 cation described in subsection (b)(1)(B) as
6 soon as practicable after the completion of
7 each year of service.

8 “(ii) FORM.—The Secretary shall pro-
9 vide a standardized annual certification
10 form for use under this section and allow
11 electronic submission by the recipient or
12 employer.

13 “(B) REQUIRED SUBMISSION.—A MED
14 Grant recipient shall be required to submit to
15 the Department employment certification within
16 the timeframe that would allow that individual
17 to complete their service obligation before the
18 end of the service obligation window.

19 “(C) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall
20 notify MED Grant recipients of the required
21 submission deadlines described in this para-
22 graph.

23 “(D) ADJUSTMENT OF DEADLINE.—The
24 Secretary shall adjust the submission deadline

1 described in subparagraph (B) to account for a
 2 service obligation window extension.

3 “(E) ALTERNATIVE TO CERTIFICATION.—

4 The Secretary shall provide an alternative to
 5 the certification of employment described in
 6 subsection (b)(1)(B) for recipients who cannot
 7 obtain such required certification of employ-
 8 ment because the recipient can demonstrate the
 9 employer is no longer in existence or the em-
 10 ployer refuses to cooperate.

11 **“SEC. 420V. PROGRAM PERIOD AND FUNDING.**

12 “Beginning on July 1, 2026, there shall be available
 13 to the Secretary to carry out this subpart, from funds not
 14 otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary
 15 to provide MED Grants in accordance with this subpart
 16 to each eligible applicant.

17 **“Subpart 12—DENTAL Grants**

18 **“SEC. 420W. DEFINITIONS.**

19 “For the purposes of this subpart:

20 “(1) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—The term ‘eligi-
 21 ble institution’ means an institution of higher edu-
 22 cation, as defined in section 101, that is a school of
 23 dentistry as defined in section 799B of the Public
 24 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p).

1 “(2) DENTAL SCHOOL CANDIDATE.—The term
2 ‘dental school candidate’ means a student in attend-
3 ance at an eligible institution pursuing a profes-
4 sional dental degree.

5 “(3) RURAL AREA.—The term rural area has
6 the meaning given that term in section 861(b)(2).

7 **“SEC. 420X. PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.**

8 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—

9 “(1) PAYMENTS REQUIRED.—The Secretary
10 shall pay to each eligible institution such sums as
11 may be necessary to pay to each dental school can-
12 didate who files an application and agreement in ac-
13 cordance with section 420Y, and who qualifies under
14 such section, a DENTAL Grant in the amount of
15 tuition and required fees for each year during which
16 that dental school candidate is in attendance at the
17 institution.

18 “(2) REFERENCES.—Grants made under para-
19 graph (1) shall be known as ‘DENTAL Grants’.

20 “(b) PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—

21 “(1) PREPAYMENT.—Not less than 85 percent
22 of any funds provided to an eligible institution under
23 subsection (a) shall be advanced to the eligible insti-
24 tution prior to the start of each payment period and
25 shall be based upon an amount requested by the in-

1 stitution as needed to pay dental school candidates
2 until such time as the Secretary determines and
3 publishes in the Federal Register with an oppor-
4 tunity for comment, an alternative payment system
5 that provides payments to institutions in an accurate
6 and timely manner, except that this sentence shall
7 not be construed to limit the authority of the Sec-
8 retary to place an institution on a reimbursement
9 system of payment.

10 “(2) DIRECT PAYMENT.—Nothing in this sec-
11 tion shall be interpreted to prohibit the Secretary
12 from paying directly to dental school candidates, in
13 advance of the beginning of the academic term, an
14 amount for which dental school candidates are eligi-
15 ble, in cases where the eligible institution elects not
16 to participate in the disbursement system required
17 by paragraph (1).

18 “(c) NO EXCEEDING COST.—The amount of a grant
19 awarded under this subpart, in combination with Federal
20 assistance, shall not exceed the cost of attendance (as de-
21 fined in section 472) at the eligible institution at which
22 that dental school candidate is in attendance.

23 “(d) PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS.—The pe-
24 riod during which a dental school candidate may receive
25 a DENTAL grant under this subpart shall be the period

1 required for the completion of the professional dental de-
 2 gree being pursued by the dental school candidate at the
 3 eligible institution at which the dental school candidate is
 4 in attendance, except that the period during which a den-
 5 tal school candidate may receive a DENTAL Grant under
 6 this subpart shall not exceed 8 years.

7 **“SEC. 420Y. APPLICATION; AWARD.**

8 “(a) APPLICATION; AWARD.—

9 “(1) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall peri-
 10 odically set dates by which dental school candidates
 11 shall file applications for grants under this subpart.
 12 Each dental school candidate desiring a grant under
 13 this subpart for any year shall file an application
 14 containing such information as is necessary to dem-
 15 onstrate that the dental school candidate—

16 “(A) is an eligible student for purposes of
 17 section 484;

18 “(B) has completed a FAFSA;

19 “(C) would like to receive a DENTAL
 20 grant; and

21 “(D) understands and agrees to the terms
 22 and conditions of the agreement to serve de-
 23 scribed in subparagraph (b).

24 “(2) AWARD.—The Secretary shall award a
 25 DENTAL grant to each eligible dental school can-

1 didate who meets the requirements described in
 2 paragraph (1) for each year that the application
 3 under such paragraph is submitted and such re-
 4 quirements are met.

5 “(b) AGREEMENTS TO SERVE.—Each application
 6 under subsection (a) shall contain or be accompanied by
 7 an agreement by the applicant that—

8 “(1) the applicant will—

9 “(A) practice general dental care in a rural
 10 area, with the option for service to be completed
 11 cumulatively across eligible sites and locations,
 12 for at least 10 years after their related training
 13 is completed (including a residency or fellowship
 14 program) within 15 years after completing the
 15 degree and such related training for which the
 16 applicant received a DENTAL Grant under this
 17 subpart (referred to in this section as the ‘serv-
 18 ice obligation window’); and

19 “(B) annually submit an employment cer-
 20 tification, for each year of service, showing that
 21 the requirement under subparagraph (A) is
 22 being met;

23 “(2) in the event that the applicant is deter-
 24 mined to have failed or refused to carry out such
 25 service obligation, the specified amount of any DEN-

1 TAL Grants received by such applicant will be treat-
2 ed as a loan and collected from the applicant in ac-
3 cordance with subsection (c) and the regulations
4 thereunder; and

5 “(3) contains, or is accompanied by, a plain-
6 language disclosure form developed by the Secretary
7 that clearly describes the nature of the DENTAL
8 Grant award, the service obligation, and the loan re-
9 payment requirements that are the consequence of
10 the failure to complete the service obligation.

11 “(c) REPAYMENT FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE
12 SERVICE.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the event that any re-
14 cipient of a grant under this subpart fails or refuses
15 to comply with the service obligation in the agree-
16 ment under subsection (b), a specified amount as de-
17 scribed in paragraph (3) of the DENTAL Grants re-
18 ceived by such recipient shall, upon a determination
19 of such a failure or refusal in such service obliga-
20 tion, be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized
21 Stafford Loan under part D of title IV, and shall be
22 subject to repayment, in accordance with paragraph
23 (2).

24 “(2) INTEREST AND REPAYMENT.—Amounts
25 that are converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Stafford

1 Loan under paragraph (1) shall accrue interest at
 2 the rate applicable to such Direct Unsubsidized
 3 Stafford Loans for borrowers as of the date of con-
 4 version, and the recipient shall be eligible for the
 5 same repayment plans and borrower protections with
 6 respect to such converted loans as that recipient
 7 would otherwise be eligible for with respect to a Fed-
 8 eral Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan under part
 9 D of title IV for a borrower that is disbursed on the
 10 same date.

11 “(3) SPECIFIED AMOUNT TO BE REPAYED.—

12 “(A) 5 YEARS OR LESS.—If a DENTAL
 13 Grant recipient has completed 5 years or less of
 14 required service, the specified amount to be re-
 15 paid is the lesser of—

16 “(i) the total amount of DENTAL
 17 Grants received by the recipient; or

18 “(ii) \$50,000.

19 “(B) GREATER THAN 5 YEARS AND LESS
 20 THAN 10 YEARS.—If a DENTAL Grant recipi-
 21 ent has completed more than 5 years of re-
 22 quired service but less than 10 years of re-
 23 quired service, the specified amount to be re-
 24 paid is the lesser of—

1 “(i) the total amount of DENTAL
2 Grants received by the recipient; or

3 “(ii) \$25,000.

4 “(C) CAP.—The amount of DENTAL
5 Grants that is converted to a loan and required
6 to be repaid under this subsection shall not ex-
7 ceed \$50,000.

8 “(4) RECONSIDERATION OF CONVERSION DECISIONS.—
9

10 “(A) REQUEST TO RECONSIDER.—In any
11 case where the Secretary has determined that a
12 recipient of a grant under this subpart has
13 failed or refused to comply with the service obli-
14 gation in the agreement under subsection (b)
15 and has converted the grant into a Federal Di-
16 rect Unsubsidized Stafford Loan under part D
17 in accordance with paragraph (1), (including
18 cases where such loans have been fully or par-
19 tially paid), the recipient may request that the
20 Secretary reconsider such initial determination
21 and may submit additional information to dem-
22 onstrate satisfaction of the service obligation.
23 Upon receipt of such a request, the Secretary
24 shall reconsider the determination in accordance

1 with this paragraph not later than 90 days
2 after the date that such request was received.

3 “(B) RECONSIDERATION.—If, in reconsid-
4 ering an initial determination under subpara-
5 graph (A) (including cases where such loans
6 were fully or partially paid), the Secretary de-
7 termines that the reason for such determination
8 was the recipient’s failure to timely submit a
9 certification required under subsection
10 (b)(1)(B), an error or processing delay by the
11 Secretary, a change to the fields considered eli-
12 gible for fulfillment of the service obligation (as
13 described in subsection (b)(1)(A)), a recipient
14 having previously requested to have the DEN-
15 TAL Grant converted to a loan, or another
16 valid reason determined by the Secretary, and
17 that the recipient has, as of the date of the re-
18 consideration, demonstrated that the recipient
19 did meet, or is meeting the service obligation in
20 the agreement under subsection (b), the Sec-
21 retary shall—

22 “(i) discharge the Federal Direct Un-
23 subsidized Stafford Loan under part D,
24 and reinstate the recipient’s grant under
25 this subpart;

1 “(ii) discharge any interest or fees
 2 that may have accumulated during the pe-
 3 riod that the grant was converted to a
 4 Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford
 5 Loan under part D;

6 “(iii) if the recipient has other loans
 7 under part D, apply any payments made
 8 for the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Staf-
 9 ford Loan under part D during such pe-
 10 riod to those other loans under part D;

11 “(iv) if the recipient does not have
 12 other loans under part D, reimburse the
 13 recipient for any amounts paid on the Fed-
 14 eral Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan
 15 under part D during such period;

16 “(v) request that consumer reporting
 17 agencies remove any negative credit report-
 18 ing due to the conversion of the DENTAL
 19 Grant to a loan; and

20 “(vi) use the additional information
 21 provided under subparagraph (A) to deter-
 22 mine the progress the recipient has made
 23 in meeting the service obligation.

24 “(C) EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE
 25 SERVICE OBLIGATION.—In the case of a recipi-

ent whose DENTAL Grant was reinstated in
 accordance with subparagraph (B), the Sec-
 retary shall, upon such reinstatement—

“(i) extend the time remaining for the
 recipient to fulfill the service obligation de-
 scribed in subsection (b)(1) to a period of
 time equal to—

“(I) 10 years; minus

“(II) the number of years that
 the recipient completed required serv-
 ice in general dentistry in a rural area
 prior to the reconversion of the loan
 to a DENTAL Grant under subpara-
 graph (B), including any years of
 qualifying service completed during
 the period when the DENTAL Grant
 was in loan status; and

“(ii) treat any years of service de-
 scribed in subclause (II) of clause (i) as
 years that count toward the individual’s
 service obligation (regardless of whether
 the DENTAL Grant funds were in grant
 or loan status) if that time otherwise meets
 the requirements of this section.

“(d) ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—

1 “(1) EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.—The
 2 Secretary shall establish, by regulation, categories of
 3 extenuating circumstances under which a recipient
 4 of a grant under this subpart who is unable to fulfill
 5 all or part of the recipient’s service obligation may
 6 be excused from fulfilling that portion of the service
 7 obligation.

8 “(2) COMMUNICATION WITH RECIPIENTS.—The
 9 Secretary shall notify DENTAL grant recipients not
 10 less than twice per calendar year regarding how to
 11 submit the employment certification under sub-
 12 section (b)(1)(B) and the recommendations and re-
 13 quirements for submitting that certification under
 14 paragraph (3).

15 “(3) SUBMISSION OF EMPLOYMENT CERTIFI-
 16 CATION.—

17 “(A) RECOMMENDED SUBMISSIONS.—

18 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
 19 shall notify DENTAL Grant recipients
 20 that the Department recommends that
 21 DENTAL Grant recipients submit the em-
 22 ployment certification described in sub-
 23 section (b)(1)(B) as soon as practicable
 24 after the completion of each year of serv-
 25 ice.

1 “(ii) FORM.—The Secretary shall pro-
2 vide a standardized annual certification
3 form for use under this section and allow
4 electronic submission by the recipient or
5 employer.

6 “(B) REQUIRED SUBMISSION.—A DEN-
7 TAL Grant recipient shall be required to sub-
8 mit to the Department employment certification
9 within the timeframe that would allow that in-
10 dividual to complete their service obligation be-
11 fore the end of the service obligation window.

12 “(C) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall
13 notify DENTAL Grant recipients of the re-
14 quired submission deadlines described in this
15 paragraph.

16 “(D) ADJUSTMENT OF DEADLINE.—The
17 Secretary shall adjust the submission deadline
18 described in subparagraph (B) to account for a
19 service obligation window extension.

20 “(E) ALTERNATIVE TO CERTIFICATION.—
21 The Secretary shall provide an alternative to
22 the certification of employment described in
23 subsection (b)(1)(B) for recipients who cannot
24 obtain such required certification of employ-
25 ment because the recipient can demonstrate the

1 employer is no longer in existence or the em-
2 ployer refuses to cooperate.

3 **“SEC. 420Z. PROGRAM PERIOD AND FUNDING.**

4 “Beginning on July 1, 2026, there shall be available
5 to the Secretary to carry out this subpart, from funds not
6 otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary
7 to provide DENTAL Grants in accordance with this sub-
8 part to each eligible applicant.

9 **“Subpart 13—NURSE Grants**

10 **“SEC. 420AA. DEFINITIONS.**

11 “For the purposes of this subpart:

12 “(1) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—The term ‘eligi-
13 ble institution’ means an accredited school of nurs-
14 ing, as defined in section 801 of the of the Public
15 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296), at an institu-
16 tion of higher education, as defined in section 101.

17 “(2) NURSING STUDENT.—The term ‘nursing
18 student’ means a student in attendance at an eligi-
19 ble institution.

20 **“SEC. 420BB. PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.**

21 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—

22 “(1) PAYMENTS REQUIRED.—The Secretary
23 shall pay to each eligible institution such sums as
24 may be necessary to pay to each nursing student
25 who files an application and agreement in accord-

1 ance with section 420CC, and who qualifies under
2 such section, a NURSE Grant in the amount of tui-
3 tion and required fees for each year during which
4 that nursing student is in attendance at the institu-
5 tion.

6 “(2) REFERENCES.—Grants made under para-
7 graph (1) shall be known as ‘NURSE Grants’.

8 “(b) PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—

9 “(1) PREPAYMENT.—Not less than 85 percent
10 of any funds provided to an eligible institution under
11 subsection (a) shall be advanced to the eligible insti-
12 tution prior to the start of each payment period and
13 shall be based upon an amount requested by the in-
14 stitution as needed to pay nursing students until
15 such time as the Secretary determines and publishes
16 in the Federal Register with an opportunity for com-
17 ment, an alternative payment system that provides
18 payments to institutions in an accurate and timely
19 manner, except that this sentence shall not be con-
20 strued to limit the authority of the Secretary to
21 place an institution on a reimbursement system of
22 payment.

23 “(2) DIRECT PAYMENT.—Nothing in this sec-
24 tion shall be interpreted to prohibit the Secretary
25 from paying directly to nursing students, in advance

1 of the beginning of the academic term, an amount
 2 for which nursing students are eligible, in cases
 3 where the eligible institution elects not to participate
 4 in the disbursement system required by paragraph
 5 (1).

6 “(c) NO EXCEEDING COST.—The amount of a grant
 7 awarded under this subpart, in combination with Federal
 8 assistance, shall not exceed the cost of attendance (as de-
 9 fined in section 472) at the eligible institution at which
 10 that nursing student is in attendance.

11 “(d) PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS.—The pe-
 12 riod during which a nursing student may receive a
 13 NURSE grant under this subpart shall be the period re-
 14 quired for the completion of the professional nursing de-
 15 gree being pursued by the nursing student at the eligible
 16 institution at which the nursing student is in attendance,
 17 except that the period during which a nursing student may
 18 receive a NURSE Grant under this subpart shall not ex-
 19 ceed 8 years.

20 **“SEC. 420CC. APPLICATION; AWARD.**

21 “(a) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall periodically
 22 set dates by which nursing students shall file applications
 23 for grants under this subpart. Each nursing student desir-
 24 ing a grant under this subpart for any year shall file an

1 application containing such information as is necessary to
 2 demonstrate that the nursing student—

3 “(1) is an eligible student for purposes of sec-
 4 tion 484;

5 “(2) has completed a FAFSA; and

6 “(3) would like to receive a NURSE grant.

7 “(b) AWARD.—The Secretary shall award a NURSE
 8 grant to each nursing student who meets the requirements
 9 described in subsection (a) for each year that the applica-
 10 tion under such subsection is submitted and such require-
 11 ments are met.

12 **“SEC. 420DD. PROGRAM PERIOD AND FUNDING.**

13 “Beginning on July 1, 2026, there shall be available
 14 to the Secretary to carry out this subpart, from funds not
 15 otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary
 16 to provide NURSE Grants in accordance with this subpart
 17 to each eligible applicant.”.

18 (b) INCREASING ENROLLMENT AT HEALTH PROFES-
 19 SIONS SCHOOLS.—Part E of title VII of the Public Health
 20 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq.) is amended by adding
 21 at the end the following:

1 **“Subpart 4—Increasing Enrollment at Health**
 2 **Professions Schools**
 3 **“SEC. 779. GRANT PROGRAM TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT**
 4 **AT HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOOLS.**

5 “(a) SCHOOLS OF MEDICINE AND SCHOOLS OF OS-
 6 TEOPATHIC MEDICINE.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
 8 grants to eligible schools of medicine and schools of
 9 osteopathic medicine to assist such schools in ex-
 10 panding student enrollment.

11 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a
 12 grant under this section, a school of medicine or
 13 school of osteopathic medicine shall submit an appli-
 14 cation to the Secretary at such time, in such man-
 15 ner, and containing such information as the Sec-
 16 retary may require, including a plan to increase en-
 17 rollment in the school by at least—

18 “(A) 50 percent by year 2 of the grant;
 19 and

20 “(B) an additional 50 percent by year 4 of
 21 the grant.

22 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—A school of medicine or
 23 school of osteopathic medicine that receives a grant
 24 under this section shall use the funds awarded
 25 through such grant for activities that include—

1 “(A) enhancing enrollment and retention
2 of students at such school using evidence-based
3 practices, with a priority for students from dis-
4 advantaged backgrounds (including racial or
5 ethnic groups underrepresented in the physician
6 workforce), individuals from rural and under-
7 served areas, low-income individuals, individuals
8 with a disability, and first generation college
9 students (as defined in section 402A(h)(3) of
10 the Higher Education Act of 1965), including
11 through mentorship programs, providing tools
12 and programming for underrepresented stu-
13 dents, and addressing other student needs;

14 “(B) retaining current faculty and clinical
15 preceptors, and recruiting and hiring new fac-
16 ulty and clinical preceptors, including by in-
17 creasing wages and providing loan repayment,
18 with an emphasis on faculty and clinical precep-
19 tors from racial or ethnic groups who are
20 underrepresented in the physician workforce;

21 “(C) partnering with a health care facility,
22 community health center, or other facility that
23 provides health care in order to provide edu-
24 cational opportunities for the purpose of estab-
25 lishing or expanding clinical education, with

1 emphasis on community-based clinical edu-
 2 cation;

3 “(D) modernizing infrastructure at such
 4 school, including audiovisual or other equip-
 5 ment, simulation and augmented reality re-
 6 sources, telehealth technologies, and virtual and
 7 physical laboratories;

8 “(E) creating, supporting, or modernizing
 9 educational programs and curriculum, including
 10 rural and community-based clinical education,
 11 at such school; or

12 “(F) other activities that the Secretary de-
 13 termines further the development, improvement,
 14 and expansion of schools of medicine and
 15 schools of osteopathic medicine.

16 “(b) SCHOOLS OF NURSING.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
 18 grants to eligible schools of nursing to assist such
 19 schools in expanding student enrollment.

20 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a
 21 grant under this section, a school of nursing shall
 22 submit an application to the Secretary at such time,
 23 in such manner, and containing such information as
 24 the Secretary may require, including a plan to in-
 25 crease enrollment in the school by at least—

1 “(A) 30 percent by year 2 of the grant;
2 and

3 “(B) an additional 30 percent by year 4 of
4 the grant.

5 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—A school of nursing that
6 receives a grant under this section shall use the
7 funds awarded through such grant for activities that
8 include—

9 “(A) enhancing enrollment and retention
10 of students at such school using evidence-based
11 practices, with a priority for students from dis-
12 advantaged backgrounds (including racial or
13 ethnic groups underrepresented in the nursing
14 workforce), students who identify as an under-
15 represented sex in the nursing workforce, indi-
16 viduals from rural and underserved areas, low-
17 income individuals, individuals with a disability,
18 and first generation college students (as defined
19 in section 402A(h)(3) of the Higher Education
20 Act of 1965), including through mentorship
21 programs, providing tools and programming for
22 underrepresented students, and addressing
23 other student needs;

24 “(B) retaining current faculty and clinical
25 preceptors, and recruiting and hiring new fac-

1 ulty and clinical preceptors, including by in-
2 creasing wages and providing loan repayment,
3 with an emphasis on faculty and clinical precep-
4 tors from racial or ethnic groups who are
5 underrepresented in the nursing workforce;

6 “(C) partnering with a health care facility,
7 nurse-managed health clinic, community health
8 center, or other facility that provides health
9 care in order to provide educational opportuni-
10 ties for the purpose of establishing or expand-
11 ing clinical education, with emphasis on com-
12 munity-based clinical education;

13 “(D) modernizing infrastructure at such
14 school, including audiovisual or other equip-
15 ment, simulation and augmented reality re-
16 sources, telehealth technologies, and virtual and
17 physical laboratories;

18 “(E) creating, supporting, or modernizing
19 educational programs and curriculum, including
20 rural and community-based clinical education,
21 at such school;

22 “(F) enhancing and expanding nursing
23 programs that prepare nurse researchers and
24 scientists;

1 “(G) establishing nurse-led
2 intradisciplinary and interprofessional edu-
3 cational partnerships;

4 “(H) supporting registered nurses in bac-
5 calaureate degree programs or advanced degree
6 programs described in section 811(b), with a
7 goal of becoming nurse faculty and clinical pre-
8 ceptors; or

9 “(I) other activities that the Secretary de-
10 termines further the development, improvement,
11 and expansion of schools of nursing.

12 “(4) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term
13 ‘school of nursing’ has the meaning given such term
14 in section 801(2).

15 “(c) SCHOOLS OF DENTISTRY.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
17 grants to eligible schools of dentistry to assist such
18 schools in expanding student enrollment.

19 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a
20 grant under this section, a school of dentistry shall
21 submit an application to the Secretary at such time,
22 in such manner, and containing such information as
23 the Secretary may require, including a plan to in-
24 crease enrollment in the school by at least—

1 “(A) 20 percent by year 2 of the grant;
2 and

3 “(B) an additional 20 percent by year 4 of
4 the grant.

5 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—A school of dentistry
6 that receives a grant under this section shall use the
7 funds awarded through such grant for activities that
8 include—

9 “(A) enhancing enrollment and retention
10 of students at such school using evidence-based
11 practices, with a priority for students from dis-
12 advantaged backgrounds (including racial or
13 ethnic groups underrepresented in the dental
14 workforce), individuals from rural and under-
15 served areas, low-income individuals, individuals
16 with a disability, and first generation college
17 students (as defined in section 402A(h)(3) of
18 the Higher Education Act of 1965), including
19 through mentorship programs, providing tools
20 and programming for underrepresented stu-
21 dents, and addressing other student needs;

22 “(B) retaining current faculty and clinical
23 preceptors, and recruiting and hiring new fac-
24 ulty and clinical preceptors, including by in-
25 creasing wages and providing loan repayment,

1 with an emphasis on faculty and clinical precep-
2 tors from racial or ethnic groups who are
3 underrepresented in the dentistry workforce;

4 “(C) partnering with a dental clinic, com-
5 munity health center, or other facility, including
6 a school-based dental clinic, that provides den-
7 tal care in order to provide educational opportu-
8 nities for the purpose of establishing or expand-
9 ing clinical education, with emphasis on com-
10 munity-based clinical education;

11 “(D) modernizing infrastructure at such
12 school, including audiovisual or other equip-
13 ment, simulation and augmented reality re-
14 sources, telehealth technologies, and virtual and
15 physical laboratories;

16 “(E) creating, supporting, or modernizing
17 educational programs and curriculum, including
18 rural and community-based clinical education,
19 at such school; or

20 “(F) other activities that the Secretary de-
21 termines further the development, improvement,
22 and expansion of schools of dentistry.

23 “(d) GRANT AMOUNTS; GRANT PERIOD.—Each
24 grant awarded under this section shall be in an amount
25 determined by the Secretary, and for a period of 10 years.

1 “(e) REPORTING.—Each recipient of a grant under
2 this section shall submit to the Secretary an annual report
3 that describes—

4 “(1) the number of students enrolled during the
5 year preceding the date of the report;

6 “(2) the percentage by which such enrollment
7 for such year has increased or decreased, as com-
8 pared to enrollment for the year preceding such
9 year;

10 “(3) the number of new faculty and clinical pre-
11 ceptors that were hired during such year; and

12 “(4) in the case of a recipient of a grant under
13 subsection (c), with respect to graduates of the ap-
14 plicable school of dentistry—

15 “(A) the number who are practicing den-
16 tistry in a rural community;

17 “(B) the number who are enrolled as a
18 participating provider under a State plan under
19 title XIX of the Social Security Act or under a
20 waiver of such a plan;

21 “(C) the rates of passage of the Integrated
22 National Board Dental Examination, and of
23 any exam or process by which a dentist obtains
24 a license to practice dentistry; and

1 “(D) the rates at which such graduates are
 2 practicing dentistry 3 and 5 years after gradua-
 3 tion.

4 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 5 are authorized to be appropriated, for the period of fiscal
 6 years 2026 through 2035—

7 “(1) \$2,800,000,000 for purposes of carrying
 8 out subsection (a);

9 “(2) \$1,980,000,000 for purposes of carrying
 10 out subsection (b); and

11 “(3) \$615,000,000 for purposes of carrying out
 12 subsection (c).”.

13 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM OF PAYMENTS TO TEACHING HEALTH**
 14 **CENTERS THAT OPERATE GRADUATE MED-**
 15 **ICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

16 Section 340H of the Public Health Service Act (42
 17 U.S.C. 256h) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (c)(2)(B), by adding at the
 19 end the following: “Notwithstanding any other provi-
 20 sion of this section, the Secretary shall update such
 21 per resident amount for each such qualified teaching
 22 health center such that such amount for fiscal year
 23 2026 is not less than \$170,000, and such amount
 24 for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter

1 is not less than the sum of the amount determined
 2 for the previous fiscal year plus \$10,000.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (g)(1)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (E), by striking “;
 5 and” and inserting a semicolon;

6 (B) in subparagraph (F), by striking the
 7 period and inserting a semicolon; and

8 (C) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(G) \$892,500,000 for fiscal year 2026;

10 “(H) \$1,890,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;

11 “(I) \$2,992,500,000 for fiscal year 2028;

12 “(J) \$3,150,000,000 for fiscal year 2029;

13 “(K) \$3,307,500,000 for fiscal year 2030;

14 “(L) \$3,465,000,000 for fiscal year 2031;

15 “(M) \$3,622,500,000 for fiscal year 2032;

16 “(N) \$3,780,000,000 for fiscal year 2033;

17 “(O) \$3,937,500,000 for fiscal year 2034;

18 and

19 “(P) \$4,095,000,000 for fiscal year
 20 2035.”.

21 **SEC. 4. DISTRIBUTION OF ADDITIONAL MEDICARE GME**

22 **RESIDENCY POSITIONS.**

23 (a) DISTRIBUTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(h) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (4)(F)(i), by striking “and (10)” and inserting “(10), and (11)”;

(B) in paragraph (4)(H)(i), by striking “and (10)” and inserting “(10), and (11)”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(11) DISTRIBUTION OF ADDITIONAL RESIDENCY POSITIONS IN PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHIATRY SUBSPECIALTIES AND PRIMARY CARE.—

“(A) ADDITIONAL RESIDENCY POSITIONS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal years 2027 through 2036 and for each succeeding fiscal year until the aggregate number of full-time equivalent residency positions distributed under this paragraph is equal to the aggregate number of such positions made available (as specified in clause (ii)(I)), the Secretary shall, subject to the succeeding provisions of this paragraph, increase the otherwise applicable resident limit for each qualifying hospital

1 that submits a timely application under
 2 this subparagraph by such number as the
 3 Secretary may approve effective beginning
 4 July 1 of the fiscal year of the increase.

5 “(ii) NUMBER AVAILABLE FOR DIS-
 6 TRIBUTION.—

7 “(I) TOTAL NUMBER AVAIL-
 8 ABLE.—The aggregate number of
 9 such positions made available under
 10 this paragraph shall be equal to
 11 50,220.

12 “(II) ANNUAL LIMIT.—The ag-
 13 gregate number of such positions so
 14 made available shall not exceed 5,022
 15 for a fiscal year.

16 “(iii) DISTRIBUTION FOR PSYCHIATRY
 17 OR PSYCHIATRY SUBSPECIALTY
 18 RESIDENCIES; PRIMARY CARE
 19 RESIDENCIES.—For each of fiscal years
 20 2027 through 2036, of the positions made
 21 available under this paragraph—

22 “(I) at least 15 percent shall be
 23 distributed for a psychiatry or psychi-
 24 atry subspecialty residency (as defined
 25 in subparagraph (F));

1 “(II) at least 30 percent shall be
 2 distributed for a primary care resi-
 3 dency (as defined in such subpara-
 4 graph); and

5 “(iv) TIMING.—The Secretary shall
 6 notify hospitals of the number of positions
 7 distributed to the hospital under this para-
 8 graph as a result of an increase in the oth-
 9 erwise applicable resident limit by January
 10 31 of the fiscal year of the increase. Such
 11 increase shall be effective beginning July 1
 12 of such fiscal year.

13 “(B) CONSIDERATIONS IN DISTRIBUTION.—In determining for which qualifying hos-
 14 pitals an increase in the otherwise applicable
 15 resident limit is provided under subparagraph
 16 (A), the Secretary shall take into account the
 17 demonstrated likelihood of the hospital filling
 18 the positions made available under this para-
 19 graph within the first 5 training years begin-
 20 ning after the date the increase would be effec-
 21 tive, as determined by the Secretary.

22 “(C) REQUIREMENTS.—

23 “(i) PROHIBITION ON DISTRIBUTION
 24 TO HOSPITALS WITHOUT AN INCREASE
 25

1 AGREEMENT.—No increase in the other-
2 wise applicable resident limit of a hospital
3 may be made under this paragraph unless
4 such hospital agrees to increase the total
5 number of full-time equivalent residency
6 positions under the approved medical resi-
7 dency training program of such hospital by
8 the number of such positions made avail-
9 able by such increase under this para-
10 graph.

11 “(ii) REQUIREMENT FOR HOSPITALS
12 TO EXPAND PROGRAMS.—If a hospital that
13 receives an increase in the otherwise appli-
14 cable resident limit under this paragraph
15 would be eligible for an adjustment to the
16 otherwise applicable resident limit for par-
17 ticipation in a new medical residency train-
18 ing program under section 413.79(e)(3) of
19 title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (or
20 any successor regulation), the hospital
21 shall ensure that any positions made avail-
22 able under this paragraph are used to ex-
23 pand an existing program of the hospital
24 and not for participation in a new medical
25 residency training program.

1 “(D) APPLICATION OF PER RESIDENT
2 AMOUNTS FOR NONPRIMARY CARE.—With re-
3 spect to additional residency positions in a hos-
4 pital attributable to the increase provided under
5 this paragraph, the approved FTE per resident
6 amounts are deemed to be equal to the hospital
7 per resident amounts for nonprimary care com-
8 puted under paragraph (2)(D) for that hospital.

9 “(E) PERMITTING FACILITIES TO APPLY
10 AGGREGATION RULES.—The Secretary shall
11 permit hospitals receiving additional residency
12 positions attributable to the increase provided
13 under this paragraph to, beginning in the fifth
14 year after the effective date of such increase,
15 apply such positions to the limitation amount
16 under paragraph (4)(F) that may be aggre-
17 gated pursuant to paragraph (4)(H) among
18 members of the same affiliated group.

19 “(F) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

20 “(i) OTHERWISE APPLICABLE RESI-
21 DENT LIMIT.—The term ‘otherwise appli-
22 cable resident limit’ means, with respect to
23 a hospital, the limit otherwise applicable
24 under subparagraphs (F)(i) and (H) of
25 paragraph (4) on the resident level for the

hospital determined without regard to this paragraph, but taking into account paragraphs (7)(A), (7)(B), (8)(A), (8)(B), (9)(A), and (10)(A).

“(ii) PRIMARY CARE RESIDENCY.—The term ‘primary care residency’ means a residency in a program described in paragraph (5)(H).

“(iii) PSYCHIATRY OR PSYCHIATRY SUBSPECIALTY RESIDENCY.—The term ‘psychiatry or psychiatry subspecialty residency’ has the meaning given that term in paragraph (10)(F).

“(iv) REFERENCE RESIDENT LEVEL.—The term ‘reference resident level’ means, with respect to a hospital, the resident level for the most recent cost reporting period of the hospital ending on or before the date of enactment of this paragraph, for which a cost report has been settled (or, if not, submitted (subject to audit)), as determined by the Secretary.

“(v) RESIDENT LEVEL.—The term ‘resident level’ has the meaning given such term in paragraph (7)(C)(i).”.

1 (2) IME.—Section 1886(d)(5)(B) of the Social
 2 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(B)) is
 3 amended—

4 (A) in clause (v), in the third sentence, by
 5 striking “and (h)(10)” and inserting “(h)(10),
 6 and (h)(11)”; and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 8 clause:

9 “(xiii) For discharges occurring on or
 10 after July 1, 2027, insofar as an additional
 11 payment amount under this subparagraph
 12 is attributable to resident positions distrib-
 13 uted to a hospital under subsection
 14 (h)(11), the indirect teaching adjustment
 15 factor shall be computed in the same man-
 16 ner as provided under clause (ii) with re-
 17 spect to such resident positions.”.

18 (3) PROHIBITION ON JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Sec-
 19 tion 1886(h)(7)(E) of the Social Security Act (42
 20 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(7)(E)) is amended by inserting
 21 “paragraph (11),” after “paragraph (10),”.

22 **SEC. 5. RURAL RELOCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

23 Subpart 2 of part E of title VII of the Public Health
 24 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295 et seq.) is amended by adding
 25 at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 778A. RURAL RELOCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
3 grants to eligible physicians, nurses, and dentists for pur-
4 poses of assisting such individuals in relocating to a rural
5 area in which the individual intends to practice medicine,
6 nursing, or dentistry, as applicable.

7 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
8 under this section, a physician, nurse, or dentist shall—

9 “(1) be licensed to practice medicine, nursing,
10 or dentistry, as applicable, in the State in which the
11 rural area to which the individual is relocating is lo-
12 cated;

13 “(2) prior to such relocation, be practicing in
14 an area that is not a rural area;

15 “(3) upon such relocation, have a permanent
16 position in the area to which the individual is relo-
17 cating and intend to practice in such area for not
18 fewer than 3 years; and

19 “(4) submit an application to the Secretary at
20 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
21 formation as the Secretary may require.

22 “(c) GRANT AMOUNTS; USE OF FUNDS; REPAY-
23 MENT.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded under
25 this section shall be in an amount determined by the
26 Secretary, not to exceed \$20,000.

1 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—An individual receiving a
2 grant under this section may use such grant for eli-
3 gible life and relocation expenses, as determined by
4 the Secretary.

5 “(3) REPAYMENT.—If an individual receiving a
6 grant under this section leaves the area described in
7 subsection (b)(3) before the expiration of the 3-year
8 period described in such subsection, such individual
9 shall repay to the Secretary an amount equal to 50
10 percent of the amount of the grant.

11 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
12 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
13 priated \$1,800,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2026
14 through 2035.”.

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