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H. R. 1502

To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize comprehensive opioid recovery centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2023

Mr. GUTHRIE (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BUCSHON, and Mr. TONKO) 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 “Comprehensive Opioid
5 Recovery Centers Reauthorization Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID RECOVERY CENTERS.**

7 (a) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 552(j) of the Public
8 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–7(j)) is amended by

1 striking “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2024
2 through 2028”.

3 (b) DOCUMENTATION FOR EVIDENCE OF CAPACITY
4 TO CARRY OUT REQUIRED ACTIVITIES.—Section 552(d)
5 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–7(d))
6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(3) DOCUMENTATION.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Evidence required to
9 be provided under paragraph (1) may be pro-
10 vided through a letter of intent from partner
11 agencies or other relevant documentation (as
12 defined by the Secretary).

13 “(B) PARTNER AGENCY DEFINED.—In this
14 paragraph, the term ‘partner agency’ means a
15 non-governmental organization or other public
16 or private entity—

17 “(i) the primary purpose of which is
18 the delivery of mental health or substance
19 use disorder treatment services; and

20 “(ii) with which the applicant coordi-
21 nates to provide the full continuum of
22 treatment services (as specified in sub-
23 section (g)(1)(B)) that the applicant is un-
24 able to offer on site.”.

1 (c) CENTER ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT THROUGH
2 THIRD PARTIES.—Section 552(g) of the Public Health
3 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–7(g)) is amended in the
4 matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking “Each Center
5 shall” and all that follows through “subsection (f):” and
6 inserting the following: “Each Center shall, at a minimum,
7 carry out the activities specified in this subsection directly,
8 through referral, or through contractual arrangements. If
9 a Center elects to carry out such activities through con-
10 tractual arrangements, the Secretary may issue guidance
11 on best practices to ensure that the Center is capable of
12 carrying out such activities, including carrying out such
13 activities through technology-enabled collaborative learn-
14 ing and capacity building models described in subsection
15 (f) and coordinating the full continuum of treatment serv-
16 ices specified in subparagraph (B). Such activities include
17 the following:”.

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