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# H. R. 280

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a pilot program to test the feasibility and outcomes of integrating a substance use disorder and behavioral health treatment locator tool into the prescription drug monitoring programs of 5 eligible States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCKINLEY 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 the “PDMPs Help Patients  
5 Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM FOR INTEGRATING SUBSTANCE**  
2 **USE DISORDER AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
3 **TREATMENT LOCATOR TOOL INTO STATE**  
4 **PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PRO-**  
5 **GRAMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
7 Human Services, in consultation with the Assistant Sec-  
8 retary for Mental Health and Substance Use, shall estab-  
9 lish and implement a pilot program in which the Secretary  
10 awards grants to, or enters into cooperative agreements  
11 with, not more than 5 eligible States to test the feasibility  
12 and outcomes of integrating a substance use disorder and  
13 behavioral health treatment locator tool into the State’s  
14 prescription drug monitoring program.

15 (b) GRANT ESTABLISHMENT AND PARTICIPATION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pilot  
17 program under this section, the Secretary shall, on  
18 a competitive basis, award grants to, or enter into  
19 cooperative agreements with, not more than 5 eligi-  
20 ble States.

21 (2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant  
22 under this section, a State shall demonstrate to the  
23 Secretary’s satisfaction that the State is making  
24 progress in integrating the State’s PDMP with elec-  
25 tronic health records and health information tech-  
26 nology infrastructure.

1           (3) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under  
2 this section, the Secretary shall give preference to el-  
3 igible States described in paragraph (2) whose rates  
4 of death due to drug overdose per population of  
5 100,000 are in the top quartile according to the  
6 most recent data of the Centers for Disease Control  
7 and Prevention.

8           (c) PERIOD OF GRANT.—A grant awarded to an eligi-  
9 ble entity under this section shall be for a period of 2  
10 years.

11          (d) GRANT USES.—

12           (1) REQUIRED USES.—A grant awarded under  
13 this section to an eligible State shall be used for  
14 both of the following purposes:

15           (A) To integrate a substance use disorder  
16 and behavioral health treatment locator tool  
17 into the PDMP.

18           (B) To develop and disseminate guidance  
19 for health care providers on how to consult and  
20 share information obtained through the sub-  
21 stance use disorder and behavioral health treat-  
22 ment locator tool when a patient's PDMP infor-  
23 mation indicates possible misuse of a controlled  
24 substance.

1           (2) ADDITIONAL PERMISSIBLE USES.—A grant  
2 awarded under this section to an eligible State may  
3 be used for any of the following additional purposes:

4           (A) To integrate a substance use disorder  
5 and behavioral health treatment locator tool  
6 into the PDMP that incorporates direct referral  
7 capabilities that enable the health care pro-  
8 vider—

9           (i) to refer a patient to treatment or  
10 for an assessment; and

11           (ii) consistent with the protection of  
12 information by Federal and State privacy  
13 laws and security rules, receive feedback  
14 about the patient’s engagement with such  
15 treatment or assessment.

16           (B) To integrate a substance use disorder  
17 and behavioral health treatment locator tool  
18 into the PDMP that provides information re-  
19 garding the current capacity of inpatient or  
20 outpatient treatment resources of a health care  
21 provider.

22 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

23           (1) REPORTS BY STATES.—Each eligible State  
24 that participates in the pilot program under this sec-  
25 tion shall submit to the Secretary an annual report

1 for each year of the pilot program that includes in-  
2 formation on—

3 (A) the number of health care providers  
4 and health facilities with access to the sub-  
5 stance use disorder and behavioral health treat-  
6 ment locator tool;

7 (B) the number of individuals referred to  
8 treatment with the assistance of the locator  
9 tool;

10 (C) aggregate, de-identified patient data  
11 related to the type of treatment located by the  
12 locator tool, how often patients followed  
13 through on seeking such treatment, and the av-  
14 erage duration of such treatment, to the extent  
15 collected by the State;

16 (D) feedback from providers with access to  
17 the locator tool on usability and any impact on  
18 outcomes;

19 (E) recommendations to improve the  
20 usability and efficacy of a substance use dis-  
21 order and behavioral health treatment locator  
22 tool within the PDMP; and

23 (F) additional information and reporting  
24 metrics as determined by the Secretary.

1           (2) REPORT BY SECRETARY.—Not less than  
2           180 days after the conclusion of the pilot program  
3           under this section, the Secretary shall submit to the  
4           Congress a report on the findings of the program,  
5           including—

6                   (A) outcomes reported by the participating  
7           States;

8                   (B) findings on the suitability of including  
9           a substance use disorder and behavioral health  
10          treatment locator tool within State PDMPs;  
11          and

12                  (C) recommendations on best practices for  
13          integrating a substance use disorder and behav-  
14          ioral health treatment locator tool within State  
15          PDMPs.

16       (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17           (1) The term “prescription drug monitoring  
18          program” or “PDMP” has the meaning given to the  
19          term “PDMP” in section 3990 of the Public Health  
20          Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280g–3).

21           (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
22          of Health and Human Services.

1           (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry  
2 out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated  
3 \$2,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

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