

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 523

To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to Federally qualified health centers for purposes of conducting mental and behavioral health screenings, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2021

Ms. DEAN (for herself and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) 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 “Community Health  
5 Center Mental Health Screening Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CEN-**  
2 **TERS FOR MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL**  
3 **HEALTH SCREENINGS.**

4 Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 254b) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(s) MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCREENING  
8 GRANTS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health  
10 and Human Services may award grants to Federally  
11 qualified health centers (as defined in section  
12 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act) for purposes  
13 of—

14 “(A) purchasing equipment and supplies to  
15 conduct mental and behavioral health  
16 screenings or provide mental health services;

17 “(B) hiring and training personnel to con-  
18 duct such mental and behavioral health  
19 screenings or provide mental health services;  
20 and

21 “(C) assisting patients with out of pocket  
22 costs associated with such mental and behav-  
23 ioral health screenings or mental health serv-  
24 ices.

25 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

26 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out

1       this subsection, in addition to any funds authorized  
2       to be appropriated or appropriated for health centers  
3       under any other subsection of this section,  
4       \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through  
5       2027.”.

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