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H. R. 7026

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for acquiring equipment and supplies capable of performing same-day clinical laboratory diagnostic testing in a point-of-care setting, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 2020

Ms. DEGETTE (for herself and Mr. BUCSHON) 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 “Rapid Testing for
5 Communities Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR SAME-DAY POINT-OF-CARE CLINICAL**
2 **LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC TESTING IN COM-**
3 **MUNITIES.**

4 Section 2821 of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 300hh–31) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
7 section (c);

8 (2) in subsection (c), as so redesignated—

9 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),
10 and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), re-
11 spectively, and moving the margin of each such
12 redesignated subparagraph 2 ems to the right;
13 and

14 (B) by striking “There are authorized to
15 be appropriated to carry out this section” and
16 inserting the following:

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
18 appropriated to carry out subsection (a)”;

19 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
20 lowing new subsection:

21 “(b) GRANTS FOR SAME-DAY POINT-OF-CARE CLIN-
22 ICAL LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC TESTING IN COMMU-
23 NITIES.—

24 “(1) GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through
25 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and
26 Prevention, shall award grants to eligible entities to

1 assist such entities in acquiring legally-marketed
2 equipment and supplies capable of performing same-
3 day clinical laboratory diagnostic testing in a point-
4 of-care setting.

5 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant
6 under paragraph (1), an entity shall—

7 “(A) be—

8 “(i) a hospital;

9 “(ii) a primary care facility;

10 “(iii) a clinic;

11 “(iv) a physician; or

12 “(v) another type of health care pro-
13 vider as the Secretary may define; and

14 “(B) submit to the Secretary an applica-
15 tion at such time, in such manner, and con-
16 taining such information as the Secretary may
17 reasonably require.

18 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received
19 through a grant under this subsection shall be used
20 to purchase legally-marketed rapid diagnostic equip-
21 ment and such materials as are necessary to admin-
22 ister, store, and process same-day clinical laboratory
23 diagnostic testing in a point-of-care setting, includ-
24 ing diagnostic and serological tests.

1 “(4) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—The amount of a
2 grant under paragraph (1) may not exceed \$20,000.

3 “(5) PRIORITY IN MAKING AWARDS.—In award-
4 ing grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
5 give priority to eligible entities providing services
6 to—

7 “(A) medically underserved populations (as
8 defined in section 330(b)(3)) in rural areas; and

9 “(B) all other areas.”; and

10 (4) by adding at the end of subsection (c), as
11 redesignated, the following new paragraph:

12 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of
14 carrying out subsection (b), there is authorized
15 to be appropriated \$500,000,000 for fiscal year
16 2020, to remain available until expended.

17 “(B) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of the
18 amount made available to carry out subsection
19 (b) for any fiscal year, the Secretary may not
20 use more than 5 percent of such amount for the
21 expenses of administering this section.”.

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