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# S. 311

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for training and support services for families and caregivers of people living with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 “Alzheimer’s Caregiver  
5 Support Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICES**  
 2 **FOR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS OF PEOPLE**  
 3 **LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE OR A RE-**  
 4 **LATED DEMENTIA.**

5 Subpart I of part D of title III of the Public Health  
 6 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by adding  
 7 at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 330N. GRANTS FOR TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERV-**  
 9 **ICES FOR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS OF**  
 10 **PEOPLE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE**  
 11 **OR A RELATED DEMENTIA.**

12 “(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

13 “(1) **AREA AGENCY ON AGING.**—The term ‘area  
 14 agency on aging’ has the meaning given the term in  
 15 section 102 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42  
 16 U.S.C. 3002).

17 “(2) **MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY.**—  
 18 The term ‘medically underserved community’ has the  
 19 meaning given the term in section 799B.

20 “(b) **GRANTS.**—The Secretary may award grants to  
 21 public or nonprofit private health care providers described  
 22 in subsection (c) for the purpose of expanding training  
 23 and support services for families and caregivers of people  
 24 living with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia if  
 25 such health care providers—

1           “(1) meet the conditions for receiving grants  
2 under subsection (d); and

3           “(2) submit an application to the Secretary in  
4 such form, in such manner, and containing such  
5 agreements, assurances, and information as the Sec-  
6 retary may reasonably require.

7           “(c) RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS.—The public or non-  
8 profit private health care providers described in this sub-  
9 section shall include—

10           “(1) health care organizations;

11           “(2) community health centers;

12           “(3) nursing homes;

13           “(4) senior centers;

14           “(5) area agencies on aging;

15           “(6) community-based organizations;

16           “(7) organizations providing support services  
17 for families and caregivers of patients with younger-  
18 onset Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia; and

19           “(8) State, local, and tribal public health agen-  
20 cies and social service agencies.

21           “(d) CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING GRANTS.—To be  
22 eligible to receive a grant awarded under subsection (b),  
23 a public or nonprofit health care provider described in sub-  
24 section (c) shall agree—

1           “(1) to employ a comprehensive approach to  
2           caring for patients with Alzheimer’s disease or a re-  
3           lated dementia that integrates treatment of such pa-  
4           tients with training and support services for the  
5           families and caregivers of such patients;

6           “(2) in any program to be funded by a grant  
7           awarded under subsection (b), that services will be  
8           provided in the languages most appropriate for, and  
9           with consideration for the cultural backgrounds of,  
10          the individuals for whom the services are provided;  
11          and

12          “(3) to provide outreach activities to inform the  
13          public of the services of the program, and to provide  
14          information on Alzheimer’s disease and related de-  
15          mentias to the public.

16          “(e) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall coordinate  
17          with the Director of the Office on Women’s Health and  
18          the Director of the Office of Minority Health in order to  
19          ensure that women, minorities, and patients who live in  
20          medically underserved communities are able to benefit  
21          from the training and support services funded through  
22          grants awarded under subsection (b).

23          “(f) FUNDING.—

24                  “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
25          For the purpose of carrying out this section, there

1 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may  
2 be necessary for each of fiscal years 2018 through  
3 2023.

4 “(2) ALLOCATION FOR MEDICALLY UNDER-  
5 SERVED COMMUNITIES.—Of the amounts appro-  
6 priated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the  
7 Secretary shall make available not less than 10 per-  
8 cent for grants awarded under subsection (b) to pub-  
9 lic or nonprofit private health care providers that  
10 primarily serve medically underserved communities  
11 and meet the requirements under this section.”.

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