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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “PrEP Assistance Pro-  
5       gram Act”.

**1 SEC. 2. PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and  
4 Human Services, acting through the Director of the Cen-  
5 ters for Disease Control and Prevention (in this section  
6 referred to as the “Secretary”) and in collaboration with  
7 Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Ad-  
8 ministration, shall establish a program that provides  
9 grants to eligible entities to establish and support PrEP  
10 programs.

11 (b) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
12 under subsection (a), an eligible entity shall submit an ap-  
13 plication to the Secretary at such time, in such manner,  
14 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-  
15 quire, including a description of how any amounts award-  
16 ed shall be used.

17 (c) PREFERENCE.—In making grants under this sec-  
18 tion, the Secretary shall give preference to an eligible enti-  
19 ty that demonstrates a record of—

20 (1) serving communities with disproportionately  
21 high rate of incidence for human immunodeficiency  
22 virus (in this section referred to as “HIV”), includ-  
23 ing individuals located in rural communities, unin-  
24 sured individuals, or individuals in demographic  
25 groups at high risk of contracting HIV; or

4 (d) AMOUNT.—Any grant provided to an eligible enti-  
5 ty under this section may not exceed \$10,000,000.

## 6 (e) USE OF FUNDS.—

16 (A) clinic and laboratory fees;

17 (B) office visits, including telehealth visits;

18 (C) PrEP medication;

19 (D) blood and urine testing as required in  
20 association with the use of PrEP medication;

(E) sexually transmitted disease testing in accordance with guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

24 (F) adherence services and counseling;

1 (G) outreach activities directed toward as-  
2 sisting health professionals to become eligible to  
3 prescribe pre-exposure prophylaxis medications  
4 in the State or Indian Tribal government where  
5 the program is operating;

(H) outreach activities directed toward physicians that provide education about PrEP;

## 8 (I) peer navigation;

9 (J) case management;

10 (K) transportation support;

11 (L) mental health services; and

12 (M) other similar items or services.

13 (f) PAYMENT FOR SERVICES.—An individual

14 ceives a service or item from a PreP program established  
15 or supported using amounts under this section may not  
16 be required to provide payment for such service or item.

17 (g) MATCHING.—

1       qualified health center, rural health clinic, commu-  
2       nity-based organization, hospital-based clinic, or uni-  
3       versity-based clinic if the Secretary determines such  
4       a waiver is necessary.

5       (h) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

6               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, in each  
7       of the first 5 years beginning 1 year after the date  
8       of the enactment of this Act, submit to Congress,  
9       and make public on the Internet website of the De-  
10       partment of Health and Human Services, a report  
11       on the impact of grants provided to eligible entities  
12       under this Act.

13               (2) CONTENTS.—A report submitted under  
14       paragraph (1) shall—

15                       (A) include disaggregated data by race,  
16                       gender identity, age, and geographic location;  
17                       and

18                       (B) evaluate, with respect to the period  
19       covered by the report, any reduction in—

20                               (i) the disparity of the prevalence of  
21                               PrEP services provided within the demo-  
22                               graphics described in this paragraph; and  
23                               (ii) the prevalence of PrEP.

1        (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act  
3 \$400,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031.

4 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

(A) represents a community or significant segments of a community;

10 (B) provides health care or health-related  
11 services to high-risk or high-need individuals in  
12 a community; and

13 (C) demonstrates effectiveness with respect  
14 to such health care or health-related services.

17 (A) a State;

18 (B) a local government;

19 (C) an Indian Tribal government;

20 (D) a Federally qualified health center (as  
21 defined in section 1861(aa) of the Social Secu-  
22 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)));

23 (E) a rural health clinic (as defined in sec-  
24 tion 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act (42  
25 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)));

1 (F) a community-based organization;  
2 (G) a hospital-based clinic; or  
3 (H) a university-based clinic.

1 SEC. 3. REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND  
2 HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A PRO-  
3 GRAM TO REIMBURSE HEALTH CARE PRO-  
4 VIDERS FOR FURNISHING SPECIFIED HIV  
5 PREVENTION ITEMS AND SERVICES TO UNIN-  
6 SURED INDIVIDUALS.

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
8 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of  
9 Health and Human Services shall establish a program  
10 under which—

11 (1) program-registered providers submit claims  
12 to the Secretary with respect to the furnishing of  
13 specified HIV prevention items and services to unin-  
14 sured individuals;

15 (2) the Secretary, subject to the availability of  
16 appropriations, pays each such provider for such  
17 items and services in an amount established under  
18 subsection (b); and

19 (3) the Secretary provides for the development  
20 and distribution of a card (or other technology), to  
21 be referred to as a “PrEP Pass”, that may be used  
22 by an uninsured individual to assure access to speci-  
23 fied HIV prevention items and services from pro-  
24 gram-registered providers at no cost to such indi-  
25 vidual.

26 (b) PAYMENT AMOUNT.—

15 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (A) any drug approved by the Federal  
20 Drug Administration for the prevention of HIV,  
21 including any such drug approved for use as  
22 pre-exposure prophylaxis (commonly referred to  
23 as “PrEP”), and administrative fees for such  
24 drugs; and

1 (B) laboratory and other diagnostic proce-  
2 dures associated with the use of such drugs  
3 that are recommended in the most recent clin-  
4 ical practice guidelines of the Centers for Dis-  
5 ease Control and Prevention.

9 (A) is licensed or otherwise authorized to  
10 furnish a specified HIV prevention item or serv-  
11 ice in the State in which such provider fur-  
12 nishes such item or service under the program  
13 established under this section; and

14 (B) enters into an agreement with the Sec-  
15 retary under which the provider agrees not to  
16 hold an uninsured individual liable for the cost  
17 of specified HIV prevention items and services  
18 with respect to which a payment is made under  
19 subsection (a)(2).

1       vidual furnished a specified HIV prevention item or  
2       service, an individual who is not enrolled in—  
3                   (A) a Federal health care program (as de-  
4                   fined in section 1128B(f) of the Social Security  
5                   Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–7b(f)));  
6                   (B) a group health plan or health insur-  
7                   ance coverage offered by a health insurance  
8                   issuer in the group or individual market (as  
9                   such terms are defined in section 2791 of the  
10                  Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–  
11                  91)); or  
12                  (C) a health plan offered under chapter 89  
13                  of title 5, United States Code.