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# H. R. 1474

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2021

Ms. WATERS (for herself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) 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 “Alzheimer’s Caregiver  
5       Support Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICES**  
 2 **FOR FAMILIES AND UNPAID CAREGIVERS OF**  
 3 **PEOPLE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE**  
 4 **OR A RELATED 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. 3300. GRANTS FOR TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERV-**  
 9 **ICES FOR FAMILIES AND UNPAID CARE-**  
 10 **GIVERS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH ALZ-**  
 11 **HEIMER’S DISEASE OR A RELATED DEMEN-**  
 12 **TIA.**

13 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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 and social service  
 22 providers described in subsection (c) for the purpose of  
 23 expanding training and support services for families and  
 24 unpaid caregivers of people living with Alzheimer’s disease  
 25 or a related dementia if such health care and social service  
 26 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 and social service providers eligi-  
9           ble for grants under this section include—

10           “(1) health care organizations;

11           “(2) community health centers;

12           “(3) senior centers;

13           “(4) area agencies on aging;

14           “(5) community-based organizations;

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

19           “(7) 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 or social service provider  
24           described in subsection (c) shall agree—

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

7           “(2) to provide outreach activities to inform the  
8           public of the services of the program, and to provide  
9           information on Alzheimer’s disease and related de-  
10          mentias to the public.

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

18          “(f) FUNDING.—

19                 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
20                 For the purpose of carrying out this section, there  
21                 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may  
22                 be necessary for each of fiscal years 2021 through  
23                 2025.

24                 “(2) ALLOCATION FOR MEDICALLY UNDER-  
25                 SERVED COMMUNITIES.—Of the amounts appro-

1        priated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the  
2        Secretary shall make available not less than 10 per-  
3        cent for grants awarded under subsection (b) to pub-  
4        lic or nonprofit private health care and social service  
5        providers that primarily serve medically underserved  
6        communities and meet the requirements under this  
7        section.”.

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