

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5141

To amend the Public Health Service Act to expand the allowable use criteria for new access points grants for community health centers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 31, 2021

Mrs. LEE of Nevada (for herself, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. RUIZ, and Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER) 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 “Maximizing Outcomes
5 through Better Investments in Lifesaving Equipment for
6 (MOBILE) Health Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NEW ACCESS POINTS GRANTS.**

2 Section 330(e)(6)(A) of the Public Health Service
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(e)(6)(A)) is amended by adding at
4 the end the following:

5 “(v) MOBILE UNITS.—

6 “(I) IN GENERAL.—A mobile
7 unit may qualify as a new delivery site
8 under clause (i), regardless of whether
9 the applicant additionally proposes to
10 establish a permanent, full-time site.

11 “(II) DEFINITION OF MOBILE
12 UNIT.—In this clause, the term ‘mo-
13 bile unit’—

14 “(aa) means a unit that is
15 staffed by clinicians working for
16 or on behalf of a health center to
17 provide medical or oral health
18 services at one or more loca-
19 tions—

20 “(AA) to a target popu-
21 lation specified in the appli-
22 cation for a grant under
23 subparagraph (A) or (B) of
24 paragraph (1); and

1 “(BB) for a total of not
2 less than 40 hours per week;
3 and

4 “(bb) may include a geo-
5 graphic rotation so long as access
6 to medical or oral health services
7 through such unit for such target
8 population is available not less
9 than 2 times per month for each
10 geographic location.

11 “(vi) COSTS FOR RENOVATION AND
12 NEW CONSTRUCTION.—The costs for which
13 a grant described in clause (i) is made may
14 include costs associated with—

15 “(I) acquiring, leasing, expand-
16 ing, or renovating an existing building
17 for providing health services to medi-
18 cally underserved populations;

19 “(II) constructing a new building
20 for such purposes; or

21 “(III) acquiring, leasing, expand-
22 ing, or renovating mobile medical
23 equipment or vehicles to establish a
24 new delivery site for such purposes.

1 “(vii) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT
2 TO REAL PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT, AND
3 OTHER CAPITAL ASSETS.—

4 “(I) REAL PROPERTY.—A recipi-
5 ent of a grant described in clause (i)
6 shall use any real property con-
7 structed, purchased, or significantly
8 improved with funds awarded through
9 such grant for the purposes for which
10 the property was so constructed, pur-
11 chased, or significantly improved for a
12 period of 12 years. At the conclusion
13 of such period, any Federal interest
14 under this paragraph in such property
15 shall expire.

16 “(II) EQUIPMENT AND OTHER
17 CAPITAL ASSETS.—A recipient of a
18 grant described in clause (i) shall use
19 any equipment or asset, other than
20 real property, acquired with funds
21 awarded through such grant for the
22 purposes for which the equipment or
23 asset was so acquired for a period
24 that is the lesser of the remaining
25 useful life of the equipment or asset

1 or 6 years. At the conclusion of such
2 period, any Federal interest under
3 this paragraph in such equipment or
4 asset shall expire.”.

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