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# H. R. 4943

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) 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 “Children’s Mental  
5       Health Infrastructure Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASING FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN PEDIATRIC**  
2 **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

3 Part D of title III of the Public Health Service Act  
4 (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by inserting after  
5 subpart V the following new subpart:

6 **“Subpart VI—Increasing Investment in Pediatric**  
7 **Behavioral Health Services**

8 **“SEC. 340A-1. GRANTS TO CHILDREN’S HOSPITALS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through  
10 the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services  
11 Administration, shall make grants to eligible entities for  
12 the purpose of improving their ability to provide pediatric  
13 behavioral health services, including by—

14 “(1) constructing or modernizing sites of care  
15 for pediatric behavioral health services;

16 “(2) expanding capacity to provide pediatric be-  
17 havioral health services, including enhancements to  
18 digital infrastructure, telehealth capabilities, or other  
19 improvements to patient care infrastructure; and

20 “(3) supporting the reallocation of existing re-  
21 sources to accommodate pediatric behavioral health  
22 patients, including by—

23 “(A) converting or adding a sufficient  
24 number of beds to establish or increase the hos-  
25 pital’s inventory of licensed and operational,

1 short-term psychiatric and substance use inpa-  
2 tient beds; and

3 “(B) ensuring compliance with safety  
4 standards.

5 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to seek a grant  
6 under this section, an entity shall be a hospital that pre-  
7 dominantly treats individuals under the age of 21, includ-  
8 ing any hospital that receives funds under section 340E.

9 “(c) FUNDING.—To carry out this section, there is  
10 hereby appropriated, out of amounts in the Treasury not  
11 otherwise obligated, \$2,000,000,000 for each of fiscal  
12 years 2022 through 2026.”.

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