

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide community-based training opportunities for medical students in rural areas and medically underserved communities, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Community Training,  
5       Education, and Access for Medical Students Act of 2024”  
6       or the “Community TEAMS Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED TRAINING FOR**  
2 **MEDICAL STUDENTS IN RURAL AREAS AND**  
3 **MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 330A of the Public  
5 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (h), (i), and (j)  
7 as subsections (i), (j), and (k), respectively; and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(h) GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED TRAINING FOR  
11 MEDICAL STUDENTS IN RURAL AREAS AND MEDICALLY  
12 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.—

13 “(1) GRANTS.—The Director may award grants  
14 to eligible entities to expand the availability of com-  
15 munity-based training for medical students in rural  
16 areas and medically underserved communities to fa-  
17 cilitate long-term, sustainable physician practice in  
18 high-need communities by supporting medical stu-  
19 dent clinical rotations in health care facilities in  
20 such areas and communities, including in outpatient  
21 settings.

22 “(2) PERIOD OF GRANTS.—A grant under this  
23 subsection shall be for a period of 1 to 5 years, as  
24 determined by the Director.

1           “(3) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant  
2 under this subsection, an entity shall be a consor-  
3 tium of—

4                   “(A) one or more osteopathic or allopathic  
5 medical schools; and

6                   “(B) one or more of the following:

7                           “(i) A rural health clinic.

8                           “(ii) A Federally qualified health cen-  
9 ter (as defined in section 1861(aa) of the  
10 Social Security Act).

11                           “(iii) A health care facility located in  
12 a medically underserved community.

13           “(4) APPLICATIONS.—To seek a grant under  
14 this subsection, an eligible entity, in consultation  
15 with the appropriate State office of rural health or  
16 another appropriate State entity, shall prepare and  
17 submit to the Director an application at such time,  
18 in such manner, and containing such information as  
19 the Director may require, including—

20                   “(A) a description of the project that the  
21 eligible entity will carry out using the funds  
22 provided through the grant;

23                   “(B) an explanation of the reasons why  
24 Federal assistance is required to carry out the  
25 project;

1           “(C) a description of the manner in which  
2           the project funded through the grant will assure  
3           continuous quality improvement in the provision  
4           of services by the entity;

5           “(D) a description of how the populations  
6           in the rural area or medically underserved com-  
7           munity to be served through the grant will ex-  
8           perience increased access to quality health care  
9           services across the continuum of care as a re-  
10          sult of the activities carried out by the entity;

11          “(E) a plan for sustaining the project after  
12          Federal support for the project has ended;

13          “(F) a description of how the project will  
14          be evaluated; and

15          “(G) such other information as the Direc-  
16          tor determines to be appropriate.”.

17          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 330A of  
18          the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c) is amend-  
19          ed—

20                 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “and for the  
21                 planning and implementation of small health care  
22                 provider quality improvement activities” and insert-  
23                 ing “for the planning and implementation of small  
24                 health care provider quality improvement activities,  
25                 and for expanding the availability of community-

1 based training for medical students in rural areas  
2 and medically underserved communities”;

3 (2) in subsection (d)(2)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “sub-  
5 sections (e), (f), and (g)” and inserting “sub-  
6 sections (e), (f), (g), and (h)”;

7 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

8 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at  
9 the end;

10 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking the pe-  
11 riod at the end and inserting “; and”;

12 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 “(iv) expand the availability of com-  
15 munity-based training for medical students  
16 in rural areas and medically underserved  
17 communities under subsection (h).”; and

18 (3) in subsection (j), as redesignated by sub-  
19 section (a)(1), by striking “subsections (e), (f), and  
20 (g)” and inserting “subsections (e), (f), (g), and  
21 (h)”.