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| Viz: | | |
| 1 At the appropriate pla | ace, insert the following: | |
| 2 TITLE P | ALLIATIVE CARE | |
| 3 AND HOSP | PICE EDUCATION | |
| 4 AND TRAINI | NG | |
| 5 SEC01. SHORT TITLE. | | |
| 6 This title may be cit | ted as the "Palliative Care and | |
| 7 Hospice Education and Tr | raining Act". | |

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| 1 | SEC02. PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE EDUCATION |
| 2 | AND TRAINING. |
| 3 | (a) IN GENERAL.—Part D of title VII of the Public |
| 4 | Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294 et seq.) is amended |
| 5 | by inserting after section 759 the following: |
| 6 | "SEC. 759A. PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE EDUCATION |
| 7 | AND TRAINING. |
| 8 | "(a) PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE EDUCATION |
| 9 | Programs.— |
| 10 | "(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award |
| 11 | grants or contracts under this section to entities de- |
| 12 | scribed in paragraph (1), (3), or (4) of section |
| 13 | 799B, and section 801(2), for the establishment or |
| 14 | operation of Palliative Care and Hospice Education |
| 15 | Programs that meet the requirements of paragraph |
| 16 | (2). |
| 17 | "(2) REQUIREMENTS.— |
| 18 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—A Palliative Care and |
| 19 | Hospice Education Program receiving an award |
| 20 | under this section shall support the training of |
| 21 | health professionals in palliative and hospice |
| 22 | care, including traineeships or fellowships. Such |
| 23 | programs shall emphasize, as appropriate, pa- |
| 24 | tient and family engagement, integration of pal- |

liative and hospice care with primary and spe-

cialty care, and collaboration with community

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| 1 | partners to address gaps in health care for indi |
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| 2 | viduals with serious or life-threatening illnesses |
| 3 | "(B) ACTIVITIES.—Activities conducted by |
| 4 | a program under this section may include the |
| 5 | following: |
| 6 | "(i) Clinical training on providing in |
| 7 | tegrated palliative and hospice care serv |
| 8 | ices. |
| 9 | "(ii) Interprofessional training to |
| 10 | practitioners from multiple disciplines and |
| 11 | specialties, including training on the provi- |
| 12 | sion of care to individuals with serious or |
| 13 | life-threatening illnesses. |
| 14 | "(iii) Establishing or maintaining |
| 15 | training-related community-based pro- |
| 16 | grams for individuals with serious or life- |
| 17 | threatening illnesses and caregivers to im- |
| 18 | prove quality of life, and where appro- |
| 19 | priate, health outcomes for individuals who |
| 20 | have serious or life-threatening illnesses. |
| 21 | "(C) NONDUPLICATION.—A Palliative |
| 22 | Care and Hospice Education Program under |
| 23 | this section shall not duplicate the activities of |
| 24 | existing education centers funded under this |
| 25 | section or under section 753 or 865. |

| 1 | "(3) Priorities in making awards.—In |
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| 2 | awarding grants and contracts under paragraph (1), |
| 3 | the Secretary— |
| 4 | " (Λ) shall give priority to programs that |
| 5 | demonstrate coordination with another Federal |
| 6 | or State program, or another public or private |
| 7 | entity; |
| 8 | "(B) shall give priority to applicants with |
| 9 | programs or activities that are expected to sub- |
| 10 | stantially benefit— |
| 11 | "(i) individuals in rural or medically |
| 12 | underserved areas, frontier health profes- |
| 13 | sional shortage areas (as defined in section |
| 14 | 799B), or Indian Tribes or Tribal organi- |
| 15 | zations; |
| 16 | "(ii) pediatric populations; or |
| 17 | "(iii) racial and ethnic minority popu- |
| 18 | lations; and |
| 19 | "(C) may give priority to any program |
| 20 | that— |
| 21 | "(i) integrates palliative and hospice |
| 22 | care into primary care practice; |
| 23 | "(ii) provides training to integrate |
| 24 | palliative and hospice care into other spe- |
| 25 | cialties across care settings, including |

| 1 | practicing clinical specialists, health care |
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| 2 | administrators, faculty without back- |
| 3 | grounds in palliative or hospice care, and |
| 4 | students from all health professions; |
| 5 | "(iii) emphasizes integration of pallia- |
| 6 | tive and hospice care into existing service |
| 7 | delivery locations and care across settings, |
| 8 | including primary care clinics, medical |
| 9 | homes, federally qualified health centers, |
| 10 | ambulatory care clinics, hospitals, includ- |
| 11 | ing critical access hospitals, emergency |
| 12 | care settings, assisted living and nursing |
| 13 | facilities, and home- and community-based |
| 14 | settings; |
| 15 | "(iv) supports the training and re- |
| 16 | training of faculty, primary and specialty |
| 17 | care providers, other direct care providers, |
| 18 | and other appropriate professionals on pal- |
| 19 | liative or hospice care; |
| 20 | "(v) emphasizes education and en- |
| 21 | gagement of family or caregivers on pallia- |
| 22 | tive and hospice care management within |
| 23 | the context of chronic disease management |
| 24 | and strategies to meet the needs of such |
| 25 | family or caregivers; or |

| 1 | "(vi) proposes to conduct outreach to |
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| 2 | communities that have a shortage of pallia- |
| 3 | tive and hospice workforce professionals. |
| 4 | "(4) Expansion of existing programs.— |
| 5 | Nothing in this section shall be construed to— |
| 6 | "(A) prevent the Secretary from providing |
| 7 | grants or contracts to expand existing education |
| 8 | programs, including geriatric education pro- |
| 9 | grams established under section 753 or 865, to |
| 10 | provide for education and training focused spe- |
| 11 | cifically on palliative care, including for non- |
| 12 | geriatric populations; or |
| 13 | "(B) limit the number of education pro- |
| 14 | grams that may be funded in a community. |
| 15 | "(b) PALLIATIVE MEDICINE PHYSICIAN TRAINING.— |
| 16 | "(1) In general.—The Secretary may make |
| 17 | grants to, and enter into contracts with, schools of |
| 18 | medicine, schools of osteopathic medicine, teaching |
| 19 | hospitals, and graduate medical education programs |
| 20 | for the purpose of providing support for projects |
| 21 | that fund the training of physicians who plan to |
| 22 | teach or practice palliative medicine. |
| 23 | "(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each project for which |
| 24 | a grant or contract is made under this subsection |
| 25 | shall— |

| 1 | "(A) be staffed by full-time teaching physi- |
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| 2 | cians who have experience or training in inter- |
| 3 | professional team-based palliative medicine; |
| 4 | "(B) be based in a hospice and palliative |
| 5 | medicine fellowship program accredited by the |
| 6 | Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical |
| 7 | Education; |
| 8 | "(C) provide training in interprofessional |
| 9 | team-based palliative medicine through a vari- |
| 10 | ety of service rotations, such as consultation |
| 11 | services, acute care services, extended care fa- |
| 12 | cilities, ambulatory care and comprehensive |
| 13 | evaluation units, hospices, home care, and com- |
| 14 | munity care programs; |
| 15 | "(D) develop specific performance-based |
| 16 | measures to evaluate the competency of train- |
| 17 | ees; and |
| 18 | "(E) provide training in interprofessional |
| 19 | team-based palliative medicine through one or |
| 20 | both of the training options described in para- |
| 21 | graph (3). |
| 22 | "(3) Training options.—The training options |
| 23 | referred to in subparagraph (E) of paragraph (2) |
| 24 | are as follows: |

| 1 | "(A) 1-year retraining programs in hospice |
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| 2 | and palliative medicine for physicians who are |
| 3 | faculty at schools of medicine and osteopathic |
| 4 | medicine, or others determined appropriate by |
| 5 | the Secretary. |
| 6 | "(B) 1- or 2-year training programs that |
| 7 | are designed to provide training in interprofes- |
| 8 | sional team-based hospice and palliative medi- |
| 9 | cine for physicians who have completed grad- |
| 10 | uate medical education programs in any med- |
| 11 | ical specialty leading to board eligibility in hos- |
| 12 | pice and palliative medicine pursuant to the |
| 13 | American Board of Medical Specialties. |
| 14 | "(4) Definitions.—For purposes of this sub- |
| 15 | section, the term 'graduate medical education' |
| 16 | means a program sponsored by a school of medicine, |
| 17 | a school of osteopathic medicine, a hospital, or a |
| 18 | public or private institution that— |
| 19 | "(A) offers postgraduate medical training |
| 20 | in the specialties and subspecialties of medicine; |
| 21 | and |
| 22 | "(B) has been accredited by the Accredita- |
| 23 | tion Council for Graduate Medical Education or |
| 24 | the American Osteopathic Association through |
| 25 | its Committee on Postdoctoral Training. |

| 1 | "(e) Palliative Care and Hospice Academic Ca- |
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| 2 | REER AWARDS.— |
| 3 | "(1) Establishment of program.—The Sec- |
| 4 | retary shall establish a program to provide awards, |
| 5 | to be known as the 'Palliative Care and Hospice |
| 6 | Academic Career Awards', to allopathic and osteo- |
| 7 | pathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other |
| 8 | programs, including social work, physician assistant, |
| 9 | and chaplaincy education programs, or other schools |
| 10 | or programs identified by the Secretary applying on |
| 11 | behalf of eligible individuals to promote the career |
| 12 | development of such individuals as academic hospice |
| 13 | and palliative care specialists. |
| 14 | "(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—For purposes of |
| 15 | this subsection, the term 'eligible individual' means |
| 16 | an individual who— |
| 17 | " (Λ) is board certified or board eligible in |
| 18 | hospice and palliative medicine or has com- |
| 19 | pleted required specialty training in palliative |
| 20 | and hospice care in the disciplines of nursing, |
| 21 | social work, physician assistant, chaplaincy, or |
| 22 | other discipline identified by the Secretary; and |
| 23 | "(B) has a junior (nontenured) faculty ap- |
| 24 | pointment at an accredited (as determined by |
| 25 | the Secretary) allopathic or osteopathic medical |

| 1 | school, nursing school, or other programs, in- |
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| 2 | cluding social work, physician assistant, chap- |
| 3 | laincy, or other education programs identified |
| 4 | by the Secretary. |
| 5 | "(3) LIMITATIONS.—No award under para- |
| 6 | graph (1) may be made to an eligible individual un- |
| 7 | less the entity on behalf of the eligible individual— |
| 8 | "(A) has submitted to the Secretary an ap- |
| 9 | plication, at such time, in such manner, and |
| 10 | containing such information as the Secretary |
| 11 | may require, and the Secretary has approved |
| 12 | such application; |
| 13 | "(B) provides, in such form and manner as |
| 14 | the Secretary may require, assurances that the |
| 15 | individual will meet the service requirement de- |
| 16 | scribed in paragraph (6); and |
| 17 | "(C) provides, in such form and manner as |
| 18 | the Secretary may require, assurances that the |
| 19 | individual has a full-time faculty appointment |
| 20 | in a health professions institution and docu- |
| 21 | mented commitment from such institution to |
| 22 | spend a majority of the total funded time of |
| 23 | such individual on teaching and developing |
| 24 | skills in education in interprofessional team- |
| 25 | based palliative care. |

| 1 | "(4) Maintenance of effort.—An entity |
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| 2 | which receives an award under paragraph (1) shall |
| 3 | provide assurances to the Secretary that funds pro- |
| 4 | vided to the eligible individual under this subsection |
| 5 | will be used only to supplement, not to supplant, the |
| 6 | amount of Federal, State, and local funds otherwise |
| 7 | expended by the eligible individual. |
| 8 | "(5) Amount and term.— |
| 9 | "(A) Amount.—The amount of an award |
| 10 | under this subsection shall be equal to the |
| 11 | award amount provided for under section |
| 12 | $753(b)(5)(\Lambda)$ for the fiscal year involved. |
| 13 | "(B) TERM.—The term of an award made |
| 14 | under this subsection shall not exceed 5 years. |
| 15 | "(C) PAYMENT TO INSTITUTION.—The |
| 16 | Secretary shall make payments for awards |
| 17 | under this subsection to institutions, including |
| 18 | allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, |
| 19 | nursing schools, and other programs, including |
| 20 | social work, physician assistant, or chaplaincy |
| 21 | education programs. |
| 22 | "(6) Service requirement.—An individual |
| 23 | who receives an award under this subsection shall |
| 24 | provide training in palliative care and hospice, in- |
| 25 | cluding the training of interprofessional teams of |

| 1 | health care professionals. The provision of such |
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| 2 | training shall constitute a majority of the total fund- |
| 3 | ed obligations of such individual under the award. |
| 4 | "(d) PALLIATIVE CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOP- |
| 5 | MENT.— |
| 6 | "(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award |
| 7 | grants or contracts under this subsection to entities |
| 8 | that operate a Palliative Care and Hospice Edu- |
| 9 | cation Program pursuant to subsection (a)(1). |
| 10 | "(2) Application.—To be eligible for an |
| 11 | award under paragraph (1), an entity described in |
| 12 | such paragraph shall submit to the Secretary an ap- |
| 13 | plication at such time, in such manner, and con- |
| 14 | taining such information as the Secretary may re- |
| 15 | quire. |
| 16 | "(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts awarded under |
| 17 | a grant or contract under paragraph (1) shall be |
| 18 | used to carry out the fellowship program described |
| 19 | in paragraph (4). |
| 20 | "(4) Fellowship program.— |
| 21 | $``(\Lambda)$ In general.—Pursuant to para- |
| 22 | graph (3), a Palliative Care and Hospice Edu- |
| 23 | cation Program that receives an award under |
| 24 | this subsection shall use such funds to offer |
| 25 | short-term intensive courses (referred to in this |

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subsection as a 'fellowship') that focus on interprofessional team-based palliative care that provide supplemental training for faculty members in allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, including psychology, pharmacy, social work, physician assistant, and chaplaincy education programs, or other health disciplines, as approved by the Secretary. Such a fellowship shall be open to current faculty, and appropriately credentialed volunteer faculty and practitioners, who do not have formal training in palliative care, to upgrade their knowledge and clinical skills for the care of individuals with serious or life-threatening illness and to enhance their interdisciplinary and interprofessional teaching skills.

"(B) LOCATION.—A fellowship under this paragraph shall be offered either at the Palliative Care and Hospice Education Program that is sponsoring the course, in collaboration with other Palliative Care and Hospice Education Programs, or at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, or other programs, including pharmacy, social work, physician assistant, chaplaincy, and psychology education

| 1 | programs, or other health professions schools |
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| 2 | and programs approved by the Secretary. |
| 3 | "(5) Targets.—A Palliative Care and Hospice |
| 4 | Education Program that receives an award under |
| 5 | paragraph (1) shall meet targets approved by the |
| 6 | Secretary for providing training in interprofessional |
| 7 | team-based palliative care to a certain number of |
| 8 | faculty or practitioners during the term of the |
| 9 | award, as well as other parameters established by |
| 10 | the Secretary. |
| 11 | "(6) Amount of Award.—Each award under |
| 12 | paragraph (1) shall be not more than \$150,000. Not |
| 13 | more than 24 Palliative Care and Hospice Education |
| 14 | Programs may receive an award under such para- |
| 15 | graph. |
| 16 | "(7) Maintenance of Effort.—A Palliative |
| 17 | Care and Hospice Education Program that receives |
| 18 | an award under paragraph (1) shall provide assur- |
| 19 | ances to the Secretary that funds provided to the |
| 20 | Program under the award will be used only to sup- |
| 21 | plement, not to supplant, the amount of Federal, |
| 22 | State, and local funds otherwise expended by such |
| 23 | Program. |
| 24 | "(e) Palliative Care and Hospice Career In- |
| 25 | CENTRICE AWADDS |

| 1 | "(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award |
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| 2 | grants or contracts under this subsection to institu- |
| 3 | tions, including allopathic and osteopathic medical |
| 4 | schools, nursing schools, and other programs, includ- |
| 5 | ing social work, physician assistant, psychology, |
| 6 | chaplaincy, and pharmacy education programs, or |
| 7 | other programs approved by the Secretary, applying |
| 8 | on behalf of individuals described in paragraph (2) |
| 9 | to foster greater interest among a variety of health |
| 10 | professionals in entering the field of palliative care. |
| 11 | "(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—To be eligible to |
| 12 | receive an award under paragraph (1), an individual |
| 13 | shall— |
| 14 | "(A) be an advanced practice nurse, a so- |
| 15 | cial worker, physician assistant, pharmacist, |
| 16 | chaplain, psychologist, or other health care pro- |
| 17 | fessional pursuing a doctorate, masters, or |
| 18 | other advanced degree with a focus in inter- |
| 19 | professional team-based palliative care or re- |
| 20 | lated fields in an accredited school or education |
| 21 | program; and |
| 22 | "(B) submit to the Secretary an applica- |
| 23 | tion at such time, in such manner, and con- |
| 24 | taining such information as the Secretary may |
| 25 | require. |

"(3) CONDITIONS OF AWARD.—As a condition 1 2 of receiving an award under paragraph (1), an individual shall agree that, following completion of the 3 award period, the individual will teach or practice 4 palliative care in health-related educational, home, 5 hospice, or long-term care settings for a minimum of 6 5 years under guidelines established by the Sec-7 8 retary. "(4) PAYMENT TO INSTITUTION.—The Sec-9 retary shall make payments for awards under para-10 graph (1) to institutions that include allopathic and 11 osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and 12 other programs, including social work, physician as-13 sistant, psychology, chaplaincy, and pharmacy edu-14 cation programs or other programs approved by the 15 16 Secretary. "(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There 17 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, \$15,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2024 through 20 2028.". (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by 21 this section shall be effective beginning on the date that 23 is 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

1 SEC. _03. HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE NURSING.

- 2 (a) Nurse Education, Practice, and Quality
- 3 Grants.—Section 831(b)(3) of the Public Health Service
- 4 Act (42 U.S.C. 296p(b)(3)) is amended by inserting "hos-
- 5 pice and palliative nursing," after "coordinated care,".
- 6 (b) PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE EDUCATION
- 7 AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.—Part D of title VIII of the
- 8 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296p et seq.) is
- 9 amended by adding at the end the following:
- 10 "SEC. 832. PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE EDUCATION
- 11 AND TRAINING.
- 12 "(a) Program Authorized.—The Secretary shall
- 13 award grants to, or enter into contracts with, eligible enti-
- 14 ties to develop and implement, in coordination with pro-
- 15 grams under section 759A, programs and initiatives to
- 16 train and educate individuals in providing interprofes-
- 17 sional team-based palliative care in health-related edu-
- 18 cational, hospital, hospice, home, or long-term care set-
- 19 tings.
- 20 "(b) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives
- 21 a grant under subsection (a) shall use funds under such
- 22 grant to—
- 23 "(1) provide training to individuals who will
- 24 provide palliative care in health-related educational,
- 25 hospital, home, hospice, or long-term care settings;

| 1 | "(2) develop and disseminate curricula relating |
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| 2 | to palliative care in health-related educational, hos- |
| 3 | pital, home, hospice, or long-term care settings; |
| 4 | "(3) train faculty members in palliative care in |
| 5 | health-related educational, hospital, home, hospice, |
| 6 | or long-term care settings; or |
| 7 | "(4) provide continuing education to individuals |
| 8 | who provide palliative care in health-related edu- |
| 9 | cational, home, hospice, or long-term care settings. |
| 10 | "(e) Application.—An eligible entity desiring a |
| 11 | grant under subsection (a) shall submit an application to |
| 12 | the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and con- |
| 13 | taining such information as the Secretary may reasonably |
| 14 | require. |
| 15 | "(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—For purposes of this sec- |
| 16 | tion, the term 'eligible entity' shall include a school of |
| 17 | nursing, a health care facility, a program leading to cer- |
| 18 | tification as a certified nurse assistant, a partnership of |
| 19 | such a school and facility, or a partnership of such a pro- |
| 20 | gram and facility. |
| 21 | "(e) Authorization of Appropriations.—There |
| 22 | are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section |
| 23 | \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2024 through |
| 24 | 2028.". |

| 1 | SEC04. DISSEMINATION OF PALLIATIVE CARE INFORMA- |
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| 2 | TION. |
| 3 | Part A of title IX of the Public Health Service Act |
| 4 | (42 U.S.C. 299 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end |
| 5 | the following new section: |
| 6 | "SEC. 904. DISSEMINATION OF PALLIATIVE CARE INFORMA- |
| 7 | TION. |
| 8 | "(a) In General.—Under the authority under sec- |
| 9 | tion 902(a) to disseminate information on health care and |
| 10 | on systems for the delivery of such care, the Director may |
| 11 | disseminate information to inform patients, families, and |
| 12 | health professionals about the benefits of palliative care |
| 13 | throughout the continuum of care for patients with serious |
| 14 | or life-threatening illness. |
| 15 | "(b) Information Disseminated.— |
| 16 | "(1) Mandatory information.—If the Direc- |
| 17 | tor elects to disseminate information under sub- |
| 18 | section (a), such dissemination shall include the fol- |
| 19 | lowing: |
| 20 | "(A) PALLIATIVE CARE.—Information, re- |
| 21 | sources, and communication materials about |
| 22 | palliative care as an essential part of the con- |
| 23 | tinuum of quality care for patients and families |
| 24 | facing serious or life-threatening illness (includ- |
| 25 | ing cancer, heart, kidney, liver, lung, and infec- |
| 26 | tious diseases; as well as neurodegenerative dis- |

| 1 | ease such as dementia, Parkinson's disease, or |
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| 2 | amyotrophic lateral sclerosis). |
| 3 | "(B) PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES.—Spe- |
| 4 | cific information regarding the services provided |
| 5 | to patients by professionals trained in hospice |
| 6 | and palliative care, including pain and symptom |
| 7 | management, support for shared decision mak- |
| 8 | ing, care coordination, psychosocial care, and |
| 9 | spiritual care, explaining that such services may |
| 10 | be provided starting at the point of diagnosis |
| 11 | and alongside curative treatment and are in- |
| 12 | tended to— |
| 13 | "(i) provide patient-centered and fam- |
| 14 | ily-centered support throughout the con- |
| 15 | tinuum of care for serious and life-threat- |
| 16 | ening illness; |
| 17 | "(ii) anticipate, prevent, and treat |
| 18 | physical, emotional, social, and spiritual |
| 19 | suffering; |
| 20 | "(iii) optimize quality of life; and |
| 21 | "(iv) facilitate and support the goals |
| 22 | and values of patients and families. |
| 23 | "(C) PALLIATIVE CARE PROFESSIONALS.— |
| 24 | Specific materials that explain the role of pro- |
| 25 | fessionals trained in hospice and palliative care |

| 1 | in providing team-based care (including pain |
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| 2 | and symptom management, support for shared |
| 3 | decision making, care coordination, psychosocial |
| 4 | care, and spiritual care) for patients and fami- |
| 5 | lies throughout the continuum of care for seri- |
| 6 | ous or life-threatening illness. |
| 7 | "(D) Research.—Evidence-based re- |
| 8 | search demonstrating the benefits of patient ac- |
| 9 | cess to palliative care throughout the continuum |
| 10 | of care for serious or life-threatening illness. |
| 11 | "(E) POPULATION-SPECIFIC MATERIALS.— |
| 12 | Materials targeting specific populations, includ- |
| 13 | ing beneficiaries of Medicare, Medicaid, and the |
| 14 | Veterans Health Administration, and patients |
| 15 | with serious or life-threatening illness who are |
| 16 | among medically underserved populations (as |
| 17 | defined in section 330(b)(3)) and families of |
| 18 | such patients or health professionals serving |
| 19 | medically underserved populations, including |
| 20 | pediatric patients, young adult and adolescent |
| 21 | patients, racial and ethnic minority populations, |
| 22 | and other priority populations specified by the |
| 23 | Director. |
| 24 | "(2) REQUIRED PUBLICATION.—Information |
| 25 ar | nd materials disseminated under paragraph (1) |

- shall be posted on the Internet websites of relevant 1 Federal departments and agencies, including the De-2 partment of Veterans Affairs, the Centers for Medi-3 care & Medicaid Services, and the Administration on 4 5 Λ ging. "(c) Consultation.—The Director shall consult 6 with appropriate professional societies, hospice and palliative care stakeholders, and relevant patient advocate organizations with respect to palliative care, psychosocial care, and complex chronic illness with respect to the following: "(1) The planning and implementation of the 11 dissemination of palliative care information under 12 13 this section. "(2) The development of information to be dis-14 seminated under this section. 15 "(3) Λ definition of the term 'serious or life-16 threatening illness' for purposes of this section.". 17 SEC. _05. CLARIFICATION. 18 FEDERAL UŚE OF RESTRICTION ON THE Funds.—None of the funds made available under this
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- title (or an amendment made by this title) may be used 21
- to provide, promote, or provide training with regard to any
- item or service for which Federal funding is unavailable
- 24 under section 3 of Public Law 105–12 (42 U.S.C. 14402).

- 1 (b) ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION.—As used in this
- 2 title (or an amendment made by this title), palliative care
- 3 and hospice shall not be furnished for the purpose of caus-
- 4 ing, or the purpose of assisting in causing, a patient's
- 5 death, for any reason.
- 6 SEC. 06. ENHANCING NIH RESEARCH IN PALLIATIVE
- 7 CARE.
- 8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title IV of the Public
- 9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended
- 10 by adding at the end the following new section:
- 11 "SEC. 409K. ENHANCING RESEARCH IN PALLIATIVE CARE.
- "The Secretary, or his or her designee, shall develop
- 13 and implement a strategy to be applied across the insti-
- 14 tutes and centers of the National Institutes of Health to
- 15 expand and intensify national research programs in pallia-
- 16 tive care in order to address the quality of care and quality
- 17 of life for the rapidly growing population of patients in
- 18 the United States with serious or life-threatening illnesses,
- 19 including cancer; heart, kidney, liver, lung, and infectious
- 20 diseases; as well as neurodegenerative diseases such as de-
- 21 mentia, Parkinson's disease, or amyotrophic lateral sele-
- 22 rosis.".
- 23 (b) Expanding Trans-NIH Research Reporting
- 24 TO INCLUDE PALLIATIVE CARE RESEARCH.—Section
- 25 402A(c)(2)(B) of the Public Health Service Act (42

- 1 U.S.C. 282a(c)(2)(B)) is amended by inserting "and, be-
- 2 ginning January 1, 2024, for conducting or supporting re-
- 3 search with respect to palliative care" after "or national
- 4 centers".