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To improve obstetric emergency care.

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Rural Obstetrics Readiness Act".

SEC. 2. RURAL OBSTETRIC MEDICAL EMERGENCY TRAINING.

Section 330A–2 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–1b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) by amending paragraph (3) to read as follows:

"(3) develop a model for maternal health care collaboration between health care settings to improve access to care, including stabilizing prenatal care, labor care, birthing, and postpartum care services during obstetric emergencies, in areas described in subsection (a) that do not have specialty maternity care or dedicated obstetric units, which may include the use of telehealth;"; and

(B) by amending paragraph (4) to read as follows:

"(4) provide training for professionals in areas described in subsection (a) that do not have specialty maternity care or dedicated obstetric units, including providing training in stabilizing prenatal care, labor care, birthing, and postpartum care during obstetric emergencies;";

(C) in paragraph (5), by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon;

(D) in paragraph (6), by striking the period and inserting "; and"; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

"(7) develop obstetric readiness programs, in areas described in subsection (a) that do not have specialty maternity care or dedicated obstetric units, that provide technical assistance necessary to pro-

vide stabilizing prenatal care, labor care, birthing, and postpartum care services during obstetric emergencies.";

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking "REPORT" and inserting "REPORTS";

(B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "2026," and inserting "2028, and every 2 years thereafter,";

(C) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking "(6)" and inserting "(7)"; and

(ii) by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon;

(D) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

"(3) a study that maps maternity ward closures and regional patterns of patient transport and examines models for regional partnerships for rural obstetric care.";

(3) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (f);

(4) by inserting after subsection (d) the following:

"(e) ALLOCATION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall award a total of not less than $2,000,000 per fiscal year in grants or cooperative agreements under this section to eligible entities for purposes of carrying out activities described in paragraph (3), (4), or (7) of subsection (b).

"(2) LIMITATION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a fiscal year unless the amount made available to carry out this section for such fiscal year exceeds the amount appropriated to carry out this section for fiscal year 2026."; and

(5) in subsection (f), as so redesignated, by inserting ", and $15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2028 through 2032" before the period at the end.

SEC. 3. SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC MEDICAL SERVICES.

Section 330O of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–21) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by inserting "and training" after "best practices";

(ii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) by inserting "evidence-based" before "best practices"; and

(II) by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon;

(iii) in subparagraph (C), by adding "and" after the semicolon at the end; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

"(D) evidence-based best practices for health care professionals in rural health care settings that do not have specialty maternity care or dedicated obstetric units to provide stabilizing prenatal care, labor care, birthing, and postpartum care services during obstetric emergencies;"; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by inserting ", including in rural health care settings that do not have specialty maternity care or dedicated obstetric units" before the semicolon; and

(2) in subsection (d), by inserting ", and $17,300,000 for each of fiscal years 2028 through 2032" before the period at the end.

SEC. 4. TELEHEALTH NETWORK; TELEHEALTH RESOURCE CENTERS GRANT PROGRAM; EXPANDING CAPACITY FOR HEALTH OUTCOMES.

(a) TELEHEALTH NETWORK; TELEHEALTH RESOURCE CENTERS GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 330I of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–14) is amended—

(1) in subsection (h)(1), by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

"(B) SERVICES.—The eligible entity proposes to use Federal funds made available through such a grant to develop plans for, or to establish, telehealth networks that provide mental health care, public health services, long-term care, home care, preventive care, case management services, urgent care, prenatal care, labor care, birthing care, or postpartum care."; and

(2) in subsection (q), by striking "2021 through 2025" and inserting "2027 through 2031".

(b) EXPANDING CAPACITY FOR HEALTH OUTCOMES.—Section 330N(k) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–20(k)) is amended by striking "2022 through 2026" and inserting "2027 through 2031".