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H. R. 557

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program for
postreproductive health care.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLAUGHTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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program for postreproductive health care.

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 “Postreproductive
5 Health Care Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM FOR POST-**
7 **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE.**

8 Part D of title III of the Public Health Service Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
10 the following new subpart:

1 “Subpart IX—Postreproductive Health Care

2 “POSTREPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

3 “SEC. 340E. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
4 make grants for the purpose of providing the services de-
5 scribed in subsection (b) to women who are of menopausal
6 age or older. Such grants may be made only to public or
7 nonprofit private entities that provide health services to
8 a significant number of low-income women.

9 “(b) AUTHORIZED SERVICES.—The services referred
10 to in subsection (a) are as follows:

11 “(1) The prevention and outpatient treatment
12 of health conditions—

13 “(A) unique to, more serious, or more
14 prevalent for eligible women; or

15 “(B) for which, in the case of such women,
16 the factors of medical risk or types of medical
17 intervention are different.

18 “(2) Counseling on the conditions described in
19 paragraph (1).

20 “(3) The education and training of health pro-
21 fessionals (including allied health professionals) on
22 the prevention and treatment of such conditions and
23 on the provision of such counseling.

24 “(c) PRIORITY IN PROVISION OF SERVICES.—The
25 Secretary may make a grant under subsection (a) only if

1 the applicant involved agrees that, in expending the grant
2 to provide authorized services to eligible women, the appli-
3 cant will give priority to providing the services for meno-
4 pausal health conditions.

5 “(d) OUTREACH.—The Secretary may make a grant
6 under subsection (a) only if the applicant involved
7 agrees—

8 “(1) to conduct outreach services to inform
9 women in the community involved of the fact that
10 authorized services are available from the applicant;
11 and

12 “(2) to give priority to providing the outreach
13 services to low-income women.

14 “(e) LIMITATION ON IMPOSITION OF FEES FOR
15 SERVICES.—The Secretary may make a grant under sub-
16 section (a) only if the applicant involved agrees that, if
17 a charge is imposed for the provision of services or activi-
18 ties under the grant, such charge—

19 “(1) will be made according to a schedule of
20 charges that is made available to the public;

21 “(2) will be adjusted to reflect the income of
22 the woman involved; and

23 “(3) will not be imposed on any woman with an
24 income equal to or less than 100 percent of the offi-
25 cial poverty line, as established by the Director of

1 the Office of Management and Budget and revised
2 by the Secretary in accordance with section 673(2)
3 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981.

4 “(f) REPORTS TO SECRETARY.—The Secretary may
5 make a grant under subsection (a) only if the applicant
6 involved agrees to submit to the Secretary, for each fiscal
7 year for which such a grant is made to the applicant, a
8 report describing the purposes for which the grant has
9 been expended.

10 “(g) REQUIREMENT OF APPLICATION.—The Sec-
11 retary may make a grant under subsection (a) only if the
12 applicant involved makes an agreement that the grant will
13 not be expended for any purpose other than the purpose
14 described in such subsection and for compliance with any
15 other agreements required in this section. Such a grant
16 may be made only if an application for the grant is sub-
17 mitted to the Secretary containing such agreements, and
18 the application is in such form, is made in such manner,
19 and contains such other agreements, and such assurances
20 and information, as the Secretary determines to be nec-
21 essary to carry out this section.

22 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

23 “(1) The term ‘authorized services’ means the
24 services described in subsection (b).

1 “(2) The term ‘eligible women’ means women
2 described in subsection (a).

3 “(3) The term ‘health conditions’ includes dis-
4 eases and disorders.

5 “(4) The term ‘health’ includes mental health.

6 “(5) The term ‘menopausal age’, with respect
7 to a woman, includes the age at which the woman
8 is nearing menopause and includes any age at which
9 the woman experiences menopausal health condi-
10 tions.

11 “(6) The term ‘menopausal health conditions’
12 means conditions arising from the diminished or
13 complete cessation of the functioning of the ovaries,
14 whether occurring naturally or otherwise.

15 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
16 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
17 to be appropriated \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 1998, and
18 such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
19 1999 and 2000.”.

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