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119TH CONGRESS
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To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants for expanding, modernizing, or streamlining emergency department operations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Streamline Emergency
5 Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OPER-**
2 **ATIONS.**

3 (a) AWARDS.—The Secretary of Health and Human
4 Services (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”),
5 acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources
6 and Services Administration, shall carry out a program
7 of awarding grants to eligible entities for expanding, mod-
8 ernizing, or streamlining emergency department oper-
9 ations.

10 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—In this section, the term
11 “eligible entity” means a health care provider that—

12 (1) is a nonprofit organization; and

13 (2) at the time of applying for a grant under
14 this section, is already operating an emergency de-
15 partment.

16 (c) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant under sub-
17 section (a) shall not exceed \$500,000.

18 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant received under this
19 section may be used for any of the following:

20 (1) The hiring and retention of individuals to
21 work in the emergency department.

22 (2) Optimizing and modernizing the capacity of
23 an emergency department, and improving patient
24 flow out of the emergency department, by—

25 (A) repurposing or renovating hospital
26 spaces;

1 (B) implementing new processes; or

2 (C) purchasing equipment.

3 (3) Triage and other training to increase the
4 capacity of existing personnel to assist in improving
5 emergency department patient care and flow.

6 (e) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the third fis-
7 cal year beginning after the date of enactment of this Act,
8 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy
9 and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the
10 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
11 the Senate a report on the effectiveness and impacts of
12 the grant program under this section.

13 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
14 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated
15 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.