

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. DAINES) 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 “Expand the Behavioral  
5 Health Workforce Now Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GUIDANCE TO STATES ON STRATEGIES UNDER**  
2 **MEDICAID AND CHIP TO INCREASE MENTAL**  
3 **HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**  
4 **CARE PROVIDER EDUCATION, TRAINING, RE-**  
5 **CRUITMENT, AND RETENTION.**

6 Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment  
7 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
8 shall issue guidance to States on strategies under Med-  
9 icaid and CHIP to increase education, training, recruit-  
10 ment, and retention of mental health and substance use  
11 disorder care providers that participate in Medicaid or  
12 CHIP, with a focus on improving the capacity of the men-  
13 tal health and substance use disorder care workforce in  
14 rural and underserved areas. Such guidance shall include,  
15 and not be limited to, strategies on how States may utilize  
16 waivers under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 1315) and authorities under titles XIX and XXI  
18 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq., 1397aa et seq.) for  
19 such purposes.