

H.R. 5376, the *Build Back Better Act*
Summary of Indian Health Care-Related Provisions

Title II – Committee on Education and Labor

Subtitle A – Education Matters

Part 2 – Higher Education

Section 20025 – Institutional Aid

This section provides \$6 Billion to increase institutional aid for Tribal Colleges, Historically Black Colleges, and other minority-serving institutions for various purposes, including academic disciplines related to health care (such as nursing, etc.), and to award need-based financial aid to low-income students. For each year from FY 2022 to FY 2026, available until FY 2028:

- For Tribal Colleges, \$141,120,000.
- For Alaska Native- (and Native Hawaiian) serving institutions, \$70,560,000.
- For minority-serving institutions, \$23,520,000.

Section 22302. Grants to Support the Direct Care Workforce

This section provides \$1 Billion over a ten-year period to support the direct care workforce through renewable three-year grants from the Department of Labor, in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Community Living, to eligible entities including states, tribes, labor organizations, and non-profit organizations. Grants can be used to invest in strategies to recruit, retain, and advance the direct care workforce; implement models and strategies to make the field of direct care more attractive; and improve wages, including through training and registered apprenticeships, career pathways, or mentoring.

Subtitle F – Human Services and Community Supports

Section 25004 – Funding for the Aging Network and Infrastructure

This section provides \$50 Million (in addition to other amounts otherwise available) for FY 2022 to eligible Tribal organizations to carry out supportive and nutrition services to older Native Americans.

Section 25006 – Funding to Support Unpaid Caregivers

This section provides \$40 Million (in addition to other amounts otherwise available) for FY 2022 grants to public agencies and Tribal organizations (and other eligible entities) for initiatives to address the behavioral health needs of unpaid caregivers of older individuals and older relative caregivers.

Title III – Committee on Energy and Commerce

Subtitle A – Air Pollution

Section 30104 – Collaborative Community Wildfire Air Grants

This section provides \$140 Million (in addition to other amounts otherwise available) for FY 2022 and available until September 30, 2031 to the EPA Administrator for grants to eligible entities, including Indian tribes, to, among other things, mitigate the health and environmental effects of smoke from wildfires.

Subtitle B – Hazardous Materials

Section 30202 – Environmental and Climate Change Block Grants

This section provides \$2.8 Billion (in addition to other amounts otherwise available) for FY 2022 for grants of up to 3 years to eligible entities which includes a partnership between an Indian Tribe and a community-based nonprofit organization. These grants may be used, among other purposes, to mitigate climate and health risks from urban heat islands, extreme heat, wood heater emissions, and wildfire events.

Subtitle C – Drinking Water

Section 30301 – Lead Remediation Projects

This section provides \$9 Billion (in addition to other amounts otherwise available) for FY 2022 and available until FY 2026 for grants to eligible entities, including for water systems located in an area governed by an Indian tribe, for full service line replacement within disadvantaged communities.

Subtitle F - Medicaid

Part 2 – Expanding Access to Maternal Health

Section 30721 - Investments to Ensure Continued Access to Health Care for Children, Pregnant Individuals, and Other Individuals

This section requires State Medicaid programs to provide 12 months of continuous Medicaid eligibility to postpartum women and children enrolled in Medicaid (meaning that if their income changes and makes them ineligible during that 12-month period, they do not lose Medicaid coverage). It also requires coverage to justice-involved individuals 30 days prior to their release.

Section 30723 - Extension of 100 Percent Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for Urban Indian Health Organizations and Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems

This section extends until April, 2025, the 100% FMAP for Urban Indian organizations that was been authorized in the *American Rescue Plan Act*.

Part 4 – Other Medicaid

Section 30741 - Encouraging Continued Access After the End of the Public Health Emergency

This section encourages states to maintain Medicaid eligibility standards that were in place on October 1, 2021. With certain exceptions, if between September 1, 2022 and December 31, for any calendar quarter occurring during such period eligibility standards, a state puts in place more restrictive standards than those in place as of October 1, 2021, then the FMAP percentage shall be reduced by 3.1 percentage points for that calendar quarter.

Section 30743 - Further Increase in FMAP for Medical Assistance for Newly Eligible Mandatory Individuals

This section increases the FMAP for the Medicaid expansion population to 93% through 2025. This may provide some incentive for states to expand that have not yet.

Subtitle H – Medicare Coverage of Hearing Services

Section 30901 – Medicare Coverage of Hearing Services

This section authorizes aural rehabilitation and treatment services to be provided by qualified audiologists and hearing assessment services to be provided by qualified hearing aid professionals and covered by Medicare beginning January 1, 2024.

Subtitle I - Public Health

Part 1 -Health Care Infrastructure and Workforce

Section 31001 - Funding Core Public Health Infrastructure for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Health Departments at the Centers for Disease Control

This section provides \$7 Billion, to the HHS Secretary through the CDC Director, to support core public health infrastructure activities to strengthen the public health system of which \$1.750 Billion, over FY 2022 through FY 2026, is allocated to competitive grants for state, territorial, local, or Tribal health departments. The remaining funds are allocated to grants to state, territorial, and local health departments serving large populations and to the CDC for expanding core public health infrastructure and improving activities to address unmet, ongoing, and emerging public health needs. The competitive grants shall give priority to applicants demonstrating core public health infrastructure needs for public health agencies in the applicant's jurisdiction.

Section 31002 - Funding for Health Center Capital Grants

This section provides \$2 Billion in funding for grants and cooperative agreements for capital projects to health centers funded under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b) and federally qualified health centers, as described in section 1861(aa)(4)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)(4)(B)).

Section 31003 - Funding for Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education

This section provides \$3.37 Billion in funding for payments to teaching health centers that operate graduate medical education programs and for the awarding of teaching health center development grants. The funds may be used 1) to establish new approved graduate medical residency training programs, 2) to maintain filled positions at existing approved graduate medical residency training programs, 3) for the expansion of existing approved graduate medical residency training programs, 4) for the purpose of establishing new accredited or expanded primary care residency programs, 5) to provide an increase to the per resident amount. The Secretary shall make payments and awards to eligible entities in a manner that accounts for States or territories in which there is no existing qualified teaching health center funded by payments under such section 340H of the Public Health Service Act.

Section 31005 - Funding for the National Health Service Corps

This section provides \$2 Billion in funding, to remain available until expended, for the National Health Service Corps to carry out sections 338A, 338B, and 338I of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254l, 254l-1, 254q-1) for scholarships and loan repayments to qualified health care providers in exchange for their service in underserved areas across the country.

Section 31006 - Funding for the Nurse Corps

This section provides \$500 Million in funding, to remain available until expended, for the Nurse Corps under section 846 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297n) for scholarships and loan repayment assistance to registered nurses (RNs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), in return for a commitment to work at eligible health care facilities with a critical shortage of nurses or to serve as nurse faculty in eligible schools of nursing.

Section 31007 – Funding for Schools of Medicine in Underserved Areas

This section provides \$500 Million, to remain available until expended, for the establishment, improvement, or expansion of an allopathic or osteopathic school of medicine, or a branch campus of an allopathic or osteopathic school of medicine. Priority shall be given priority given to minority-serving institutions described in section 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)), and taking into consideration equitable distribution of awards among the geographical regions of the United States. The funds may be used 1) to recruit or retain students from disadvantaged backgrounds, 2) to develop, implement, and expand curriculum that emphasizes care for rural and underserved populations, including accessible and culturally appropriate and linguistically appropriate care and services, at such school or branch campus, 3) to hire faculty, including faculty from racial and ethnic groups who are underrepresented among the medical and other health professions, and for other purposes.

Section 31008 – Funding for Schools of Nursing in Underserved Areas.

This section provides \$500 Million, to remain available until expended, for awards to schools of nursing (as defined in section 801 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296)) to enhance and modernize nursing education programs and increase the number of faculty and students at such schools. The Secretary, through the HRSA Administrator, shall take into consideration equitable distribution of awards among the geographical regions of the United States and the capacity of a school of nursing to provide care in underserved areas. The funds may be used 1)

for recruiting, enrolling, and retaining students at such school, with a priority for students from disadvantaged backgrounds (including racial or ethnic groups underrepresented in the nursing workforce), 2) for retaining current faculty, and hiring new faculty, with an emphasis on faculty from racial or ethnic groups that are underrepresented in the nursing workforce, and for other purposes.

Section 31009 - Funding for Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training

This section provides \$25 Million in funding, to remain available until expended, to support training of health professionals in palliative and hospice care, foster patient and family engagement, integration of palliative and hospice care with primary care and other appropriate specialties, and collaboration with community partners to address gaps in health care for individuals in need of palliative or hospice care. The Secretary shall give priority to applicants proposing to carry out programs or activities that demonstrate coordination with other Federal or State programs and are expected to substantially benefit rural populations, medically underserved populations, medically underserved communities, Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations, or urban Indian organizations.

Section 31010 - Funding for Palliative Medicine Physician Training

This section provides \$20 Million, to remain available until expended, for accredited schools of medicine, teaching hospitals, and graduate medical education programs to train physicians (including residents, trainees, and fellows) or specialists who plan to teach or practice palliative medicine.

Section 31011 - Funding for Palliative Care and Hospice Academic Career Awards

This section provides \$20 Million in funding for programs to provide awards to accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, nursing, social work, psychology, allied health, dentistry, or chaplaincy applying on behalf of board-certified or board-eligible individuals in hospice and palliative medicine that have an early-career junior (non-tenured) faculty appointment at an accredited school of medicine, or osteopathic medicine, nursing, social work, psychology, allied health, dentistry, or chaplaincy, to promote the academic career development of individuals as hospice and palliative care specialists.

Section 31012 - Funding for Hospice Palliative Care Nursing

This section provides \$20 Million, to remain available until expended, for accredited nursing schools, health care facilities, programs leading to certification, partnerships of such schools and facilities, and programs and initiatives to develop and implement programs to train and educate individuals in palliative care.

Section 31013 - Funding for Dissemination of Palliative Care Information

This section provides \$5 Million, to remain available until expended, to award grants or contracts to public and nonprofit private entities to disseminate information to inform patients, families, caregivers, direct care workers, and health professionals about the benefits of palliative care and the services that are available to support patients with serious or life-threatening illnesses.

Part 3 - Maternal Mortality

Section 31031 – Funding for Local Entities Addressing Social Determinants of Maternal Health

This section provides \$100 Million, to remain available until expended, for carrying out a program to award grants or contracts to community-based organizations, Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, Native Hawaiian organizations, or other nonprofit organizations working with a community-based organization, or consortia of any such entities, operating in areas with high rates of adverse maternal health outcomes or with significant racial or ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes.

Section 31032 - Funding for the Office of Minority Health

This section provides \$75 Million, to remain available until expended, to the HHS Office of Minority Health to award grants or contracts to community-based organizations operating in areas with high rates of adverse maternal health outcomes or with significant racial or ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes to address social determinants of maternal health for pregnant and postpartum individuals, among other purposes.

Section 31033 – Funding to Grow and Diversify the Nursing Workforce in Maternal and Perinatal Health

This section provides \$170 Million, to remain available until expended, to award grants or contracts to accredited schools of nursing for the purpose of growing and diversifying the perinatal nursing workforce. These purposes include through improving the capacity and supply of health care providers such as providing scholarships to students, including students from racial and ethnic groups underrepresented in the health professions who are seeking to become nurse practitioners and whose education includes a focus on maternal and perinatal health.

*Awards shall prioritize students and nurses who plan to practice or practice in an underserved area. Amounts made available to awardees by shall, consistent with section 846 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297n) (the Public Health Service scholarship and loan repayment program), be used for the authorized purposes under this section. References in this section to “health professional shortage area” was changed to “underserved areas”. Strikes Title 8 of the Public Health Service Act programs (other targeted nursing workforce programs) as part of the uses for the award funds.

Section 31035 – Funding to Grow and Diversify the Doula Workforce

This section provides \$50 Million, to remain available until expended, to award grants or contracts to health professions schools, academic health centers, State or local governments, territories, Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, Native Hawaiian organizations, or other appropriate public or private nonprofit entities to establish or expand programs to grow and diversify the doula workforce, including through improving the capacity and supply of health care providers, including developing and implementing strategies to recruit and retain students from underserved communities.

Section 31036 – Funding to Grow and Diversify the Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Workforce

This section provides \$75 Million, to remain available until expended, to award grants or contracts to health professions schools, academic health centers, State or local governments, territories, Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, Native Hawaiian organizations, or other entities to establish or expand programs to grow and diversify the maternal mental health and substance use disorder treatment workforce, including through improving the capacity and supply of health care providers.

Section 31037 - Funding for Maternal Mental Health Equity Grant Programs

This section provides \$100 million, to remain available until expended, to award grants to address maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders with respect to pregnant, lactating, and postpartum individuals, including in areas with significant racial or ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes.

Section 31039 – Funding for Minority-Serving Institutions to Study Maternal Mortality, Severe Maternal Morbidity, and Adverse Health Outcomes

This section provides \$50 Million, to remain available until expended, to award grants or contracts to minority-serving institutions described in section 371 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q) to study maternal mortality, severe maternal morbidity, and maternal health outcomes.

Section 31040 - Funding for Identification of Maternity Care Health Professional Target Areas

This section provides \$25 Million, to remain available until expended, in funding for identification of maternity care health professional target areas.

Section 31041 - Funding for Maternal Mortality Review Committees to Promote Representative Community Engagement

This section provides \$50 Million, to remain available until expended, in funding to promote community engagement in maternal mortality review committees (MMRCs) to increase the diversity of a committee’s membership with respect to race and ethnicity, location, and professional background.

Section 31042 – Funding for the Surveillance for Emerging Threats to Mothers and Babies

This section provides \$100 Million, to remain available until expended, to conduct surveillance for emerging threats to mothers and babies, including partnering with more State, Tribal, territorial, and local public health programs in the collection and analysis of clinical data on the impact of COVID–19 on pregnant and postpartum patients and their newborns, particularly among patients from racial and ethnic minority groups and establishing regionally based centers of excellence to offer medical, public health, and other knowledge (in coordination with State and Tribal public health authorities).

Section 31043 – Funding for Enhancing Reviews and Surveillance to Eliminate Maternal Morbidity Program

This section provides \$30 Million, to remain available until expended, to carry out the Enhancing Reviews and Surveillance to Eliminate Maternal Mortality program, including expanding partnerships with States, territories, Indian Tribes, and Tribal organizations to support Maternal Mortality Review Committees.

Section 31046 – Funding for Expanding the Use of Technology-Enabled Collaborative Learning and Capacity Building Models for Pregnant and Postpartum Individuals

This section provides \$30 Million, to remain available until expended, to award grants or contracts to community-based organizations, Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, and other entities operating in *underserved areas [striking health professional shortage areas designated under section 332 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254e)] with high rates of adverse maternal health outcomes or significant racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes, to evaluate, develop, and expand the use of technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity building models.

Section 31047 – Funding for Promoting Equity in Maternal Health Outcomes Through Digital Tools

This section provides \$30 Million, to remain available until expended, to award grants or contracts to community-based organizations, Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, and other entities *operating in underserved areas* to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes by increasing access to digital tools related to maternal health care, such as such as wearable technologies, patient portals, telehealth services, and web-based and mobile phone applications, digital health services, secure text messaging, online provider communities, mobile clinical decision support services, and clinical tools to increase diagnostic accuracy.

Section 31048 - Funding for Antidiscrimination and Bias Training

This section provides \$50 Million, to remain available until expended, to award grants to national nonprofit organizations focused on improving health equity to develop, disseminate, review, research, and evaluate training for health professionals, with a focus on maternal health providers, to reduce discrimination and bias in the provision of health care with a focus on maternal health care.

Part 4 – Other Public Health Investments

Section 31051 - Funding for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Professionals

This section provides \$50 Million, to remain available until expended, for the Minority Fellowship Program. The Minority Fellowship Program seeks to improve behavioral health outcomes for communities of color by awarding scholarships to educate practitioners on mental health and substance use issues that commonly affect racial and ethnic minority populations, provide training to enhance the availability of culturally competent care, and improve the quality of behavioral health services provided to people of color.

Section 31054 - National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

This section provides \$75 Million, to remain available until expended, for advancing infrastructure for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline program the 24/7, free, and confidential national suicide prevention hotline. It is intended to expand existing capabilities for response in a manner that avoids duplicating existing capabilities for text-based crisis support. This funding will help support the Lifeline and its network of local crisis centers in advance of the implementation of the new “988” Lifeline number in 2022.

Section 31055 – Funding for Community Violence and Trauma Interventions

This section provides \$2.5 Billion, to remain available until expended, but all expenditures made pursuant to subsection (a) shall be made on or before September 30, 2031.

The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and in consultation with the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, and the Assistant Secretary for the Administration for Children and Families, shall use the funds to support public health-based interventions to reduce community violence and trauma, taking into consideration the needs of communities with high rates of, and prevalence of risk factors associated with, violence-related injuries and deaths, by awarding competitive grants or contracts to local governmental entities, States, territories, Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, and other entities.

These grants can be used to support evidence-informed, culturally competent, and developmentally appropriate strategies to reduce community violence, including outreach and conflict mediation, hospital-based violence intervention, violence interruption, and services for victims and individuals and communities at risk for experiencing violence, such as trauma-informed mental health care and counseling, social-emotional learning and school-based mental health services, workforce development services, and other services that prevent or mitigate the impact of trauma, build appropriate skills, or promote resilience.

The grants may also be used for supporting training, technical assistance, research, evaluation, public health surveillance systems, data collection, and coordination among relevant stakeholders, to facilitate support for strategies to reduce community violence and ensure safe and healthy communities.

Section 31056 – Funding for the National Child Traumatic Stress Network

This section provides \$5 Million, to remain available until expended, to addressing the problem of high-risk or medically underserved persons who experience violence-related stress.

Section 31057 – Funding for the HIV Health Care Services Program

This section provides \$75 Million, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses for modifications to existing contracts, and supplements to existing grants and cooperative agreements, *under sections 2601, 2611, 2651, 2671, and 2692(a) of the *Public Health Service Act* (42 U.S. Code 300ff–11, 300ff–21, 300ff–51, 300ff–71, 300ff–111).

Section 31060 – Funding to Increase Research Capacity at Certain Institutions

This section provides \$75 Million, to remain available until expended, to, among other things, support efforts to diversify the national scientific workforce and expand recruitment and retention of individuals who are underrepresented in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral, and social sciences and from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Subtitle J – Next Generation 911

Section 31101 – Deployment of Next Generation 911

This section provides \$470 Million, to remain available until September 30, 2030, to make grants to eligible entities for implementing and maintaining Next Generation 911 for the deployment, operation, and maintenance of interoperable and reliable Next Generation 911, including ensuring the cybersecurity of Next Generation 911 and training of personnel related to Next Generation 911. An eligible entity includes a Tribal organization that has named a single point of contact to coordinate the implementation of Next Generation 911 and developed and submitted a plan for the coordination and implementation of Next Generation 911 consistent with any requirements of the Assistant Secretary.

Title VI – Committee on the Judiciary

Subtitle B – Community Violence Prevention

Section 61001 – Funding for Community-Based Violence Intervention Initiatives

This section provides \$2.5 Billion, to remain available until September 30, 2031. The Attorney General, acting through the Assistant Attorney General of the Office of Justice Programs, the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, shall award competitive grants or contracts to units of local government, States, the District of Columbia, Indian Tribes, nonprofit community-based organizations, victim services providers, or other entities as determined by the Attorney General, to support evidence-informed intervention strategies to reduce community violence.

Title VII – Committee on Natural Resources

Subtitle A – Native American and Native Hawaiian Affairs

Section 70106 – Indian Health Service

This section provides the following amounts for Indian health care, to remain available until September 30, 2031:

(a) \$945 Million for Maintenance and Improvement for the maintenance and improvement of Indian Health Service and tribal healthcare facilities.

(b) \$123.716 Million for Mental Health and Substance Use for mental health and substance use prevention and treatment services, including facility renovation, construction, or expansion relating to mental health and substance use prevention and treatment services, and for other related activities.

- (c) \$1 Billion for projects identified through the Priority Health Care Facilities system established and maintained pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of section 301 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1631(c)(1)(A)).
- (d) \$40 Million for the Small Ambulatory construction program.
- (e) \$100 Million for urban Indian organizations facilities renovation, construction, expansion, and improvement *technical change striking terms “notwithstanding the restrictions described in”.
- (f) \$25 Million for epidemiology centers established under paragraphs (1) through (2) of subsection (a) of section 214 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1621m(a)(1)–(2)).
- (g) \$113.284 Million for environmental health and facilities support activities of the IHS.

These funds are distributed on a one-time basis and, for those distributed through ISDEAA contracts or compacts, shall not be part of the amount required by subsections (a) through (b) of section 106 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5325(a)–(b)) and used shall only be used for the purposes identified under the applicable subsection.

Title XIII – Committee on Ways and Means

Subtitle B – Miscellaneous Health Items

Section 132000 - Registered Professional Nurses.

This section amends sections 1819(b)(4)(C)(i) and 1919(b)(4)(C)(i)(II) of the Social Security Act to require that on or after October 1, 2024, skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities use the services of a Registered Nurse (RN) 24 hours a day, seven days a week, subject to existing statutory waivers relating to RN services.

Subtitle D – Career Pathways and Social Services

Section 134101 - Pathways to Health Careers

This section provides \$17 Million for Tribal Health Profession Opportunity Grant (HPOG) awards for FY2022 and \$18,027,650 for each of FY 2023 through 2026.

This section amends Title XX of the Social Security Act to authorize new HPOG competitive grants in states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and tribal communities. The grant application requires, among other things, a description of how the applicant will use a career pathways approach to train eligible individuals for health professions that will put eligible individuals on a career path to an occupation that pays well, under the project.

The Secretary shall award a grant under this paragraph to at least 10 eligible entities that are an Indian tribe, an Alaska Native Corporation, a tribal organization, or a tribal college or university, to the extent there are a sufficient number of applications submitted by the entities that meet the requirements applicable with respect to such a grant. The grant period shall be not less than 5 years, which may include a planning period of no more than the first 12 months of the grant cycle.

Section 134102 – Reauthorization of Funding for Programs to Prevent and Investigate Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation

This section provides \$8,483,600 for each of FY 2023 through 2025 for grants to Indian tribes and tribal organizations who operate at least 1 eligible setting, such as skilled nursing facilities. The Secretary, in consultation with the Indian tribes and tribal organizations, shall devise a formula for distributing among Indian tribes and tribal organizations the funding. An Indian tribe, or tribal organization to which an amount is paid may use the amount to make sub-grants to local organizations, including community organizations, local non-profits, elder rights and justice groups, and workforce development boards for authorized purposes.

Section 137402 - Establishing Rural and Underserved Pathway to Practice Training Programs for Post-Baccalaureate Students and Medical Students

This section establishes Section 1899C of the Social Security Act for the Rural and Underserved Pathway to Practice Training Program for Post-Baccalaureate and Medical Students to incentivize students from rural and underserved communities to become physicians and practice in those communities through a scholarship and stipend for qualifying medical students to attend medical school or post-baccalaureate and medical school.

Students who participated in the Health Careers Opportunity Program, were Area Health Education Scholars, are disadvantaged students as defined by the National Health Service Corps, or attended a Historically Black College or University or minority serving institution shall receive the priority consideration.

Section 137404 - Establishing Rural and Underserved Pathway to Practice Training Programs for Medical Residents

This section is intended to incentivize additional residency training by, beginning on October 1, 2026, excluding from the residency slot cap those residents who participated in Rural and Underserved Pathway to Practice Training Programs at certain applicable hospitals that are recognized by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) for committing to train physicians with additional requirements, such as increased mentorship, structural and cultural competency training, and training in the community.

Section 137405. Distribution of Additional Residency Positions

This section amends Section 1886 of the Social Security Act to invest in additional residency training by, beginning on October 1, 2024, distributing 4,000 additional Medicare residency positions, and prioritizing certain hospitals for that distribution. That hospitals can include those located in or serve an area designated as a health professional shortage area under section 332(a)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act or serve a population group designated under section 332(a)(1)(B) of such Act, as determined by the Secretary.
