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To improve access to oral health care for vulnerable and underserved populations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

To improve access to oral health care for vulnerable and underserved populations.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Comprehensive Dental Reform Act of 2024”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

Subtitle A—Medicare

Sec. 101. Coverage of dental services under the Medicare program.

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Subtitle B—Medicaid

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TITLE II—PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

Subtitle A—National Health Service Corps

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 Sec. 203. Community-based training of dental students.

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 Sec. 225. Mobile and portable dental services.

Subtitle D—Oral Health Services as an Essential Health Benefit

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TITLE III—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MATTERS

Sec. 301. Requirement that Secretary of Veterans Affairs furnish dental care in the same manner as any other medical service.
 Sec. 302. Demonstration program on training and employment of alternative dental health care providers for dental health care services for veterans in rural and other underserved communities.
 Sec. 303. Program of education to promote dental health in veterans.
 Sec. 304. Student loan repayment program to incentivize dental training and ensure the dental workforce of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
 Sec. 305. Educational and training partnerships for dentists, dental hygienists, and oral surgeons.

TITLE IV—FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

Sec. 401. Demonstration program on training and employment of alternative dental health care providers for dental health care services for prisoners within the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

TITLE V—INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Sec. 501. Demonstration program on training and employment of alternative dental health care providers for dental health care services under the Indian Health Service.

TITLE VI—REPORTS TO CONGRESS

Sec. 601. Reports on enrollment in coverage for oral health services.

1 **TITLE I—MEDICARE AND**
2 **MEDICAID**
3 **Subtitle A—Medicare**

4 **SEC. 101. COVERAGE OF DENTAL SERVICES UNDER THE**
5 **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

6 (a) **COVERAGE.**—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (JJ), by inserting “and”
9 after the semicolon at the end; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 paragraph:

12 “(KK) oral health services (as defined in sub-
13 section (nnn));”.

14 (b) **ORAL HEALTH SERVICES DEFINED.**—Section
15 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is
16 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

18 “Oral Health Services

19 “(nnn)(1) The term ‘oral health services’ means serv-
20 ices (as defined by the Secretary) that are necessary to
21 prevent disease and promote oral health, restore oral
22 structures to health and function, and treat emergency
23 conditions.

1 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), such term shall
2 include mobile and portable oral health services (as de-
3 fined by the Secretary) that—

4 “(A) are provided for the purpose of over-
5 coming mobility, transportation, and access barriers
6 for individuals; and

7 “(B) satisfy the standards and certification re-
8 quirements established under section 1902(a)(88)(C)
9 for the State in which the services are provided.”.

10 (c) PAYMENT AND COINSURANCE.—Section
11 1833(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
12 1395l(a)(1)) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “and” before “(HH)”; and

14 (2) by inserting before the semicolon at the end
15 the following: “, and (II) with respect to oral health
16 services (as defined in section 1861(nnn)), the
17 amount paid shall be (i) in the case of such services
18 that are preventive, 100 percent of the lesser of the
19 actual charge for the services or the amount deter-
20 mined under the payment basis determined under
21 section 1848, and (ii) in the case of all other such
22 services, 80 percent of the lesser of the actual
23 charge for the services or the amount determined
24 under the payment basis determined under section
25 1848”.

1 (d) PAYMENT UNDER PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE.—
2 Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
3 1395w-4(j)(3)) is amended by inserting “(2)(KK),” after
4 “risk assessment),”.

5 (e) DENTURES.—Section 1861(s)(8) of the Social Se-
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(8)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “(other than dental)” and in-
8 serting “(including dentures)”; and

9 (2) by striking “internal body”.

10 (f) REPEAL OF GROUND FOR EXCLUSION.—Section
11 1862(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y) is
12 amended by striking paragraph (12).

13 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
15 January 1, 2025.

16 **Subtitle B—Medicaid**

17 **SEC. 111. COVERAGE OF DENTAL SERVICES UNDER THE** 18 **MEDICAID PROGRAM.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905 of the Social Secu-
20 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d) is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a)(10), by striking “dental
22 services” and inserting “oral health services (as de-
23 fined in subsection (kk)(1))”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(kk)(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), for pur-
2 poses of this title, the term ‘oral health services’ means
3 services (as defined by the Secretary) that are necessary
4 to prevent disease and promote oral health, restore oral
5 structures to health and function, and treat emergency
6 conditions. These services shall include, in the case of
7 pregnant or postpartum women, such services as are nec-
8 essary to address oral health conditions that exist or are
9 exacerbated by pregnancy or childbirth or which, if left
10 untreated, could adversely affect fetal or child develop-
11 ment.

12 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), such term shall
13 include—

14 “(A) dentures; and

15 “(B) mobile and portable oral health services
16 (as defined by the Secretary) that—

17 “(i) are provided for the purpose of over-
18 coming mobility, transportation, and access bar-
19 riers for individuals; and

20 “(ii) satisfy the standards and certification
21 requirements established under section
22 1902(a)(88)(C) for the State in which the serv-
23 ices are provided.

1 “(3) For purposes of paragraph (1), such term shall
2 not apply to dental care or services provided to individuals
3 under the age of 21 under subsection (r)(3).”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5 (1) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Section
6 1902(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (A) in paragraph (10)(A), in the matter
9 preceding clause (i), by inserting “(10),” after
10 “(5),”;

11 (B) in paragraph (86), by striking “and”
12 at the end;

13 (C) in paragraph (87), by striking the pe-
14 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

15 (D) by inserting after paragraph (87) the
16 following:

17 “(88) provide for—

18 “(A) informing, in writing, all individuals
19 who have been determined to be eligible for
20 medical assistance of the availability of oral
21 health services (as defined in section 1905(kk));

22 “(B) conducting targeted outreach to preg-
23 nant women who have been determined to be el-
24 igible for medical assistance about the avail-
25 ability of medical assistance for such dental

1 services and the importance of receiving dental
2 care while pregnant; and

3 “(C) establishing and maintaining stand-
4 ards for and certification of mobile and portable
5 oral health services (as described in subsections
6 (r)(3)(C) and (kk)(2)(B) of section 1905).”.

7 (2) DEFINITION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.—
8 Section 1905(a)(12) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1396d(a)(12)) is amended by striking “, dentures,”.

10 (c) MOBILE AND PORTABLE ORAL HEALTH SERV-
11 ICES UNDER EPSDT.—Section 1905(r)(3) of the Social
12 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(r)(3)) is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking “; and”
14 and inserting a semicolon;

15 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period
16 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
18 paragraph:

19 “(C) which shall include mobile and portable
20 oral health services (as defined by the Secretary)
21 that—

22 “(i) are provided for the purpose of over-
23 coming mobility, transportation, or access bar-
24 riers for children; and

1 “(ii) satisfy the standards and certification
2 requirements established under section
3 1902(a)(88)(C) for the State in which the serv-
4 ices are provided.”.

5 (d) INCREASED FEDERAL FUNDING FOR DENTAL
6 SERVICES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905 of the Social
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d), as amended by sub-
9 section (a), is further amended—

10 (A) in subsection (b), in the first sentence,
11 by striking “and (ii)” and inserting “(ii), and
12 (ll)”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following new
14 subsection:

15 “(ll) INCREASED FMAP FOR ORAL HEALTH SERV-
16 ICES.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
18 (b) and section 1903(a)(7) and subject to the re-
19 quirements described in paragraphs (3) and (4),
20 with respect to amounts expended on or after Janu-
21 ary 1, 2025, for covered oral health expenses (as de-
22 scribed in paragraph (2)), the Federal medical as-
23 sistance percentage for a State that is one of the 50
24 States or the District of Columbia for such expenses
25 shall be equal to the Federal medical assistance per-

1 centage that would otherwise apply to the State for
2 the fiscal year, as determined under subsection (b)
3 or section 1903(a)(7), increased by 15 percentage
4 points.

5 “(2) COVERED ORAL HEALTH EXPENSES.—For
6 purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘covered oral
7 health expenses’ means the amounts expended for
8 medical assistance for oral health services (as de-
9 fined in subsection (kk)) and amounts expended for
10 the proper and efficient administration of the provi-
11 sion of such oral health services under the State
12 plan.

13 “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of para-
14 graph (1), the Federal medical assistance percentage
15 applicable to covered oral health expenses under this
16 subsection shall not apply to a State unless—

17 “(A) the State plan for medical assistance
18 provides payment for oral health services (as so
19 defined) furnished by a health care provider at
20 a rate that is not less than 70 percent of the
21 usual and customary fee for such services in the
22 State; and

23 “(B) the State satisfies such additional re-
24 quirements as are established by the Secretary,
25 which shall include—

1 “(i) streamlining of administrative
2 procedures for purposes of ensuring ade-
3 quate provider participation and increasing
4 patient utilization of oral health services;
5 and

6 “(ii) the provision of technical assist-
7 ance to health care providers designed to
8 reduce the number of missed patient ap-
9 pointments and reduce other barriers to
10 the delivery of oral health services.

11 “(4) LIMITATION.—For purposes of amounts
12 expended for covered oral health services, in no case
13 shall any increase under this subsection result in a
14 Federal medical assistance percentage that exceeds
15 100 percent.”.

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
17 1903(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
18 1396b(a)(7)) is amended by striking “section
19 1919(g)(3)(B)” and inserting “sections 1905(l) and
20 1919(g)(3)(B)”.

21 (e) SECRETARIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—

22 (1) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OUTREACH.—
23 The Secretary of Health and Human Services, act-
24 ing through the Administrator of the Centers for
25 Medicare & Medicaid Services, shall provide tech-

1 nical assistance to States and conduct outreach to
2 States for purposes of educating and encouraging
3 States to utilize and provide payment under each
4 State Medicaid program for telehealth-enabled den-
5 tal services in order to provide dental services to tra-
6 ditionally underserved populations in need of such
7 services.

8 (2) DATABASE AND ANNUAL REPORT ON DEN-
9 TAL BENEFITS FOR ADULT MEDICAID ENROLLEES.—

10 (A) MEDICAID DENTAL BENEFITS DATA-
11 BASE.—The Secretary of Health and Human
12 Services, acting through the Administrator of
13 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services,
14 shall maintain, as accurately and up-to-date as
15 possible, a database that contains with respect
16 to each State (as defined for purposes of title
17 XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396
18 et seq.)) information regarding the dental bene-
19 fits available for adults enrolled in the State
20 Medicaid program, including any limits on such
21 benefits and the amount of reimbursement pro-
22 vided under the State Medicaid program for
23 such benefits. The database also shall include a
24 separate description of the dental benefits, ben-
25 efit limits, and amount of reimbursement pro-

1 vided under each State Medicaid program for
2 pregnant women, if such benefits are not pro-
3 vided to the woman as part of early and peri-
4 odic screening, diagnostic, and treatment serv-
5 ices (as defined in section 1905(r) of the Social
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(r))), and a de-
7 scription of the use of dental services by chil-
8 dren and adults enrolled in the State Medicaid
9 program.

10 (B) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary of
11 Health and Human Services shall make avail-
12 able to the public an annual report regarding
13 the information collected in the database re-
14 quired under subparagraph (A). Each annual
15 report under this subparagraph shall include for
16 each State Medicaid program and with respect
17 to the most recent year for which data are
18 available the yearly dental service utilization
19 rates for children and adults enrolled in the
20 State Medicaid program.

21 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
23 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
24 shall apply to calendar quarters beginning on or
25 after January 1, 2025, without regard to whether or

1 not final regulations to carry out such amendments
2 have been promulgated by such date.

3 (2) DELAY PERMITTED FOR STATE PLAN
4 AMENDMENT.—In the case of a State plan for med-
5 ical assistance under title XIX of the Social Security
6 Act which the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
7 ices determines requires State legislation (other than
8 legislation appropriating funds) in order for the plan
9 to meet the additional requirements imposed by the
10 amendments made by this section, the State plan
11 shall not be regarded as failing to comply with the
12 requirements of such title solely on the basis of its
13 failure to meet these additional requirements before
14 the first day of the first calendar quarter beginning
15 after the close of the first regular session of the
16 State legislature that begins after the date of enact-
17 ment of this Act. For purposes of the previous sen-
18 tence, in the case of a State that has a 2-year legis-
19 lative session, each year of such session shall be
20 deemed to be a separate regular session of the State
21 legislature.

1 **TITLE II—PUBLIC HEALTH**
2 **PROGRAMS**
3 **Subtitle A—National Health**
4 **Service Corps**

5 **SEC. 201. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 331 of the Public Health
7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254d) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by adding at the end
9 the following:

10 “(F) The term ‘dental therapist’ means,
11 with respect to a State or Tribal government
12 that licenses or certifies such dental therapists,
13 a mid-level dental practitioner who—

14 “(i)(I) is licensed to practice under
15 the law of the State; or

16 “(II) is certified to practice under the
17 Community Health Aide Program of the
18 Indian Health Service under section 119 of
19 the Indian Health Care Improvement Act;
20 and

21 “(ii) provides preventive and restora-
22 tive services directly to the public, com-
23 mensurate with the scope of the practice.”;
24 and

25 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “dental
2 therapy programs and” after “schools at
3 which”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “dental
5 therapists,” after “dentists,”.

6 (b) FACILITATION OF EFFECTIVE PROVISION OF
7 CORPS SERVICES.—Section 336(f)(3) of the Public Health
8 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254h–1(f)(3)) is amended by in-
9 serting “dental therapists,” after “midwives,”.

10 (c) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND LOAN REPAYMENT
11 PROGRAM.—

12 (1) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.—Section 338A of
13 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254l) is
14 amended—

15 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “den-
16 tal therapists,” after “dentists,”; and

17 (B) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “in-
18 cluding dental therapy,” after “or other health
19 profession,”.

20 (2) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.—Section
21 338B of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
22 254l–1) is amended—

23 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “den-
24 tal therapists,” after “dentists,”; and

25 (B) in subsection (b)(1)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
2 “dental therapist,” after “nurse practi-
3 tioner,”;

4 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
5 “dental therapy,” after “mental health,”;
6 and

7 (iii) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by in-
8 serting “, including dental therapy” after
9 “health profession”.

10 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

11 Section 338H of the Public Health Service Act (42
12 U.S.C. 254q) is amended—

13 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “this sec-
14 tion” and inserting “this subpart”; and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS WITH
17 RESPECT TO ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.—To carry
18 out this subpart with respect to dentists, dental therapists,
19 and dental hygienists, in addition to the amounts author-
20 ized under subsection (a), there is authorized to be appro-
21 priated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years
22 2025 through 2028, which shall be used to provide an
23 emergency expansion for scholarships to, and loan repay-
24 ments on behalf of, such oral health professionals.”.

1 **SEC. 202. COMMUNITY BASED DENTAL RESIDENCIES.**

2 Section 340H of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 256h) is amended by adding at the ending the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(k) **ADDITIONAL FUNDING.**—For the purpose of ex-
6 panding dental residencies at teaching health centers that
7 operate graduate medical education programs, there is au-
8 thorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-
9 essary for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2028”.

10 **SEC. 203. COMMUNITY-BASED TRAINING OF DENTAL STU-**
11 **DENTS.**

12 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Health and
13 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
14 retary”) shall establish a pilot program under which the
15 Secretary awards grants to eligible entities for the purpose
16 of supporting the community-based training of dental stu-
17 dents. Such grants shall be for a 5-year period, beginning
18 in fiscal year 2025.

19 (b) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**—To be eligible to receive a
20 grant under this section, an entity shall—

21 (1) be a Federally-qualified health center, rural
22 health center, or Tribal health facility; and

23 (2) submit an application to the Secretary at
24 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
25 formation as the Secretary may require.

26 (c) **SELECTION OF AWARDEES.**—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award 6
2 grants under this section to eligible entities de-
3 scribed in subsection (b). In making such awards,
4 the Secretary shall ensure that each entity receiving
5 a grant operates in a different State (including each
6 of the several States and the District of Columbia),
7 territory, or Tribal territory.

8 (2) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
9 section, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible
10 entities that—

11 (A) have a focus on training students in
12 rural and underserved areas;

13 (B) partner with dental professional
14 schools and programs associated with a histori-
15 cally Black college or university (as defined by
16 the term “part B institution” in section 322 of
17 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
18 1061)) or minority-serving institutions (as de-
19 scribed in section 371 of such Act (20 U.S.C.
20 1067q)); or

21 (C) are located in a State or geographic
22 area without a dental school.

23 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity receiving a
24 grant under this section—

1 (1) shall use such funds to establish a training
2 program for dental, dental hygienist, dental therapy,
3 and dental assistant students in a community-based,
4 outpatient setting;

5 (2) may use such funds—

6 (A) to support faculty and preceptor wages
7 and living stipends for trainees;

8 (B) to purchase equipment, education
9 tools, and make renovations or alterations to a
10 training site; and

11 (C) to provide supportive services such as
12 child care, transportation, and food assistance
13 to enable students to persist in and complete a
14 training program; and

15 (3) may use up to 5 percent of the grant
16 amount for planning and development, data collec-
17 tion and reporting, other administrative purposes.

18 (e) REPORTING.—

19 (1) REPORTS FROM ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Each
20 eligible entity receiving a grant under this section
21 shall submit such reports on the program supported
22 by the grant as the Secretary may require.

23 (2) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1
24 year after the date on which the program under this
25 section terminates under subsection (f), the Sec-

1 retary shall submit to the Committee on Health,
2 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and
3 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
4 House of Representatives a report on the program.

5 (f) SUNSET.—The grant program under this section
6 shall terminate on September 30, 2029.

7 (g) APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this section,
8 there is appropriated, out of amounts in the Treasury not
9 otherwise appropriated, \$4,500,000 for fiscal year 2025,
10 to remain available through the end of fiscal year 2029.

11 **Subtitle B—Oral Health Education**

12 **SEC. 211. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR ORAL** 13 **HEALTH EDUCATION FOR MEDICAL PRO-** 14 **VIDERS.**

15 Section 747(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42
16 U.S.C. 293k(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(4) ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION.—In addition
19 to other amounts authorized under this subsection
20 for purposes of carrying out this section, there is au-
21 thorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
22 necessary for fiscal years 2025 through 2028 for the
23 purpose of educating nondental medical professionals
24 (including physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners,
25 physician assistants, and pharmacists and particu-

1 larly such professionals who provide care to children
2 and pregnant and postpartum women) about oral
3 health, including issues such as oral hygiene instruc-
4 tion, topical application of fluoride, and oral health
5 screenings, with the goal of integrating oral health
6 care into overall health care.”.

7 **SEC. 212. ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION FOR OTHER NON-**
8 **HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.**

9 Subpart I of part C of title VII of the Public Health
10 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293k et seq.) is amended by insert-
11 ing after section 748 the following:

12 **“SEC. 748A. ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION FOR OTHER NON-**
13 **ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
15 to, or enter into contracts with, an accredited public or
16 nonprofit private hospital, educational institutions, or pub-
17 lic or private nonprofit entities that the Secretary has de-
18 termined to be capable of carrying out such grant or con-
19 tract to educate individuals, such as community health
20 workers, social workers, nutritionists, health educators,
21 occupational therapists, and psychologists, to promote oral
22 health education and literacy and to provide support for
23 behavior change and assistance with care coordination
24 with respect to oral health.

1 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
2 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
3 priated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years
4 2025 through 2028.”.

5 **SEC. 213. DENTAL EDUCATION.**

6 Section 748 of the Public Health Service Act (42
7 U.S.C. 293k-2) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(H), by striking “pedi-
9 atric training programs” and inserting “pediatric
10 dental training programs”; and

11 (2) in subsection (c)—

12 (A) by striking the subsection heading and
13 inserting “REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD.—”;

14 (B) by amending the matter preceding
15 paragraph (1) to read as follows: “With respect
16 to training provided for under this section, the
17 Secretary shall award grants or contracts only
18 to eligible entities that meet at least 7 of the
19 following criteria:”;

20 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “have a
21 record of training the greatest percentage of
22 providers, or that have demonstrated significant
23 improvements in the percentage of providers,
24 who enter and” and inserting “train significant
25 numbers of providers who”;

1 (D) in paragraph (3)—

2 (i) by striking “have a record of train-
3 ing” and inserting “intend to train”; and

4 (ii) by striking the period at the end
5 and inserting “and have faculty with expe-
6 rience in treating underserved popu-
7 lations.”;

8 (E) in paragraph (8), by inserting “or
9 have established” after “establish”; and

10 (F) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(9) Qualified applicants that require not less
12 than 200 hours of community-based education rota-
13 tions.”.

14 **SEC. 214. ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL STUDENT LOANS.**

15 Subpart 3 of part E of title VII of the Public Health
16 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295f et seq.) is amended by adding
17 at the end the following:

18 **“SEC. 779. ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL STUDENT LOANS.**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
20 and operate a student loan fund for oral health profes-
21 sional students, including dental hygienists, dental thera-
22 pists, and dentists.

23 “(b) CONTENT.—The Secretary shall establish and
24 operate the student loan fund program under subsection
25 (a) in the same manner and subject to the same terms

1 as the loan fund program established with schools of nurs-
2 ing under section 835.

3 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
4 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
5 priated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years
6 2025 through 2028.”.

7 **Subtitle C—Other Oral Health** 8 **Programs**

9 **SEC. 221. ACCESS POINTS.**

10 Subpart X of part D of title III of the Public Health
11 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256f et seq.) is amended by adding
12 at the end the following:

13 **“SEC. 340G-2. FUNDING FOR ORAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
15 the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services
16 Administration, shall establish a program to award grants
17 to eligible entities to provide oral health services, or to con-
18 tract with private dental practices to provide comprehen-
19 sive oral health services, to low-income individuals and in-
20 dividuals who are underserved with respect to oral health
21 care.

22 “(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
23 provide technical assistance to entities receiving grants
24 under subsection (a) to provide technical assistance to
25 such entities in order to—

1 “(1) with respect to oral health care services,
2 increase utilization and efficiency and minimize
3 missed appointments, contract with offsite providers,
4 recruit providers (including oral health specialists),
5 and operate programs outside the physical facilities
6 to take advantage of new systems to improve access
7 to oral health services;

8 “(2) address barriers to access to such services
9 and conduct targeted outreach to special populations
10 such as pregnant women, individuals with disabili-
11 ties, individuals with chronic conditions such as dia-
12 betes, and individuals residing in long-term care fa-
13 cilities; or

14 “(3) contract with private dental practices that
15 will provide oral health services other than preven-
16 tive oral health care, including restoration and main-
17 tenance of oral health, in order to meet the need for
18 oral health services in the community.

19 “(c) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive
20 a grant under subsection (a), an entity shall—

21 “(1) be—

22 “(A) a Federally qualified health center
23 (as defined in section 1861(aa) of the Social
24 Security Act);

1 “(B) a safety net clinic or a free clinic (as
2 defined by the Secretary);

3 “(C) a health care clinic that provides
4 services to Tribal organizations or urban Indian
5 organizations (as such terms are defined in sec-
6 tion 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement
7 Act); or

8 “(D) any other interested public or private
9 sector health care provider or organization that
10 the Secretary determines has a demonstrated
11 history of serving a high number of uninsured
12 and or low-income individuals or those who lack
13 ready access to oral health services; and

14 “(2) demonstrate a clear need to expand oral
15 health care services beyond preventive oral health
16 care.

17 “(d) ALLOCATION FOR HIRING ORAL HEALTH CARE
18 SPECIALISTS.—A portion of the funds available under this
19 section shall be allocated toward hiring oral health care
20 specialists, such as oral surgeons and endodontists, at en-
21 tities receiving grants under this section.

22 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
23 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
24 priated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
25 years 2025 through 2028.”.

1 **SEC. 222. DENTAL CLINICS IN SCHOOLS.**

2 Part Q of title III of the Public Health Service Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 280h et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 **“SEC. 399Z-3. DENTAL CLINICS IN SCHOOLS.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
7 grants to qualified entities for the purpose of funding the
8 building, operation, or expansion of dental clinics in
9 schools.

10 “(b) QUALIFIED ENTITIES.—To receive a grant
11 under this section, a qualified entity shall submit an appli-
12 cation to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
13 containing such information as the Secretary may require.

14 “(c) REQUIREMENTS.—An entity receiving a grant
15 under this section shall—

16 “(1) provide comprehensive oral health services
17 at a dental clinic based at a school, including oral
18 health education, oral screening, fluoride application,
19 prophylaxis, sealants, and basic restorative services;

20 “(2) develop a coordinated system of care by re-
21 ferring patients to an available qualified oral health
22 provider in the community for any required oral
23 health services not provided in the dental clinic in
24 the school, including restorative services, to ensure
25 that all the oral health needs of students are met;
26 and

1 “(3) maintain clinic hours that extend beyond
2 school hours.

3 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
4 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized
5 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fis-
6 cal years 2025 through 2028.”.

7 **SEC. 223. EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CARE COORDINA-**
8 **TION.**

9 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
10 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
11 the following:

12 **“SEC. 399V-8. EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CARE COORDINA-**
13 **TION WITH RESPECT TO DENTAL CARE.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
15 grant program to facilitate individuals receiving dental
16 care at facilities other than hospital emergency depart-
17 ments, under which the Secretary awards grants to eligible
18 entities to cover costs related to construction and renova-
19 tion, equipment, staff, outreach and education, and any
20 other allowable uses, with respect to the entity’s facilities,
21 as the Secretary determines appropriate.

22 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive
23 a grant under this section an entity shall—

24 “(1) be—

1 “(A) a Federally qualified health center
2 (as defined in paragraph (4) of section
3 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act) or rural
4 health clinic (as defined in paragraph (2) of
5 such section);

6 “(B) a private dental practice; or

7 “(C) any other interested public or private
8 sector health care provider or organization,
9 such as a dental school, that the Secretary de-
10 termines has the capacity to serve in a coordi-
11 nated, cost-effective manner, a high number of
12 individuals who lack access to oral health serv-
13 ices; and

14 “(2) partner with a hospital or urgent care cen-
15 ter.

16 “(c) ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION FOR PRIMARY CARE
17 AND ED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.—The Secretary
18 shall allocate a portion of the amounts appropriated under
19 subsection (e) toward medical education for primary care
20 and emergency department physicians, nurses, nurse prac-
21 titioners, and physician assistants to be trained in oral
22 health.

23 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than January 1, 2028, the
24 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the best
25 practices determined by the program established under

1 this section to address oral health needs of individuals who
2 go to emergency departments in need of oral health care.

3 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
4 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
5 priated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years
6 2025 through 2028.”.

7 **SEC. 224. RESEARCH FUNDING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the period of fiscal years
9 2025 through 2027, there is authorized to be appropriated
10 for the Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred
11 to in this section as the “Secretary”) such sums as may
12 be necessary to conduct, in consultation with the heads
13 of agencies and offices of the Department of Health and
14 Human Services, including the Director of the Centers for
15 Disease Control and Prevention, the Director of the Agen-
16 cy for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Director of
17 the National Institutes of Health, and the Administrator
18 of the Health Resources and Services Administration—

19 (1) research on—

20 (A) the prevention of oral disease;

21 (B) oral disease management;

22 (C) evidence-based strategies to prevent
23 tooth decay;

1 (D) rigorous, multidisciplinary research-
2 based approaches to overcome disparities in oral
3 health;

4 (E) perinatal, postnatal, and childhood oral
5 health issues, including the integration of den-
6 tal providers in settings where pediatricians
7 practice;

8 (F) access, quality, and outcomes with re-
9 spect to oral health services; and

10 (G) other topics as the Secretary deter-
11 mines appropriate; and

12 (2) an evaluation of oral health service delivery
13 to underserved and vulnerable populations, including
14 an evaluation of workforce models to enhance oral
15 health service delivery.

16 (b) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds appro-
17 priated under this section shall be used to supplement, and
18 not supplant, other Federal, State, and local public funds
19 provided for activities described in subsection (a).

20 **SEC. 225. MOBILE AND PORTABLE DENTAL SERVICES.**

21 Subpart X of part D of title III of the Public Health
22 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256f et seq.), as amended by sec-
23 tion 221, is further amended by adding at the end the
24 following:

1 **“SEC. 340G-3. MOBILE AND PORTABLE DENTAL SERVICES.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
3 grants to Federally qualified health centers (as defined in
4 paragraph (4) of section 1861(aa) of the Social Security
5 Act), rural health clinics (as defined in paragraph (2) of
6 such section), nonprofit dental clinics, and dental schools
7 to provide mobile and portable, comprehensive dental serv-
8 ices that provide for the restoration or maintenance of oral
9 health and function (including dental services provided by
10 licensed providers through telehealth-enabled collaboration
11 and supervision) and outreach for dental services to un-
12 derserved populations.

13 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive
14 a grant under this section, an eligible entity shall submit
15 an application to the Secretary at such time, in such man-
16 ner, and containing such information as the Secretary may
17 require, including information to demonstrate that the en-
18 tity is capable of providing coordinated care and continuity
19 of care to patients.

20 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—Eligible entities receiving a
21 grant under this section shall deliver the dental services
22 described in subsection (a) at locations such as senior cen-
23 ters, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, schools, li-
24 censed child care centers that serve eligible individuals
25 who receive benefits under the State Children’s Health In-
26 surance Program under title XXI of the Social Security

1 Act or the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social
 2 Security Act, and facilities that provide services under the
 3 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, In-
 4 fants, and Children established by section 17 of the Child
 5 Nutrition Act of 1966 or under the Head Start Act.

6 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
 7 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
 8 priated such sums as may be necessary.”.

9 **Subtitle D—Oral Health Services as**
 10 **an Essential Health Benefit**

11 **SEC. 231. ORAL HEALTH SERVICES AS AN ESSENTIAL**
 12 **HEALTH BENEFIT.**

13 Section 1302(b) of the Patient Protection and Af-
 14 fordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18022(b)) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1)—

16 (A) in subparagraph (J), by striking “oral
 17 and”; and

18 (B) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(K) Oral health services for children and
 20 adults.”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(6) ORAL HEALTH SERVICES.—For purposes
 23 of paragraph (1)(K), the term ‘oral health services’
 24 means services (as defined by the Secretary), that
 25 are necessary to prevent disease and promote oral

1 health, restore oral structures to health and func-
2 tion, and treat emergency conditions.”.

3 **TITLE III—DEPARTMENT OF**
4 **VETERANS AFFAIRS MATTERS**

5 **SEC. 301. REQUIREMENT THAT SECRETARY OF VETERANS**
6 **AFFAIRS FURNISH DENTAL CARE IN THE**
7 **SAME MANNER AS ANY OTHER MEDICAL**
8 **SERVICE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 38, United States Code, is
10 amended—

11 (1) in section 1701(6)(B), by striking “as de-
12 scribed in sections 1710 and 1712 of this title”;

13 (2) in section 1710(c), by striking the second
14 sentence;

15 (3) in section 1712—

16 (A) by striking subsections (a) and (b);

17 (B) by redesignating subsections (c), (d),
18 and (e) as subsections (a), (b), and (c), respec-
19 tively; and

20 (C) in subsection (a), as redesignated by
21 subparagraph (B)—

22 (i) by striking “Dental appliances”
23 and inserting “The Secretary may furnish
24 dentures, dental appliances”; and

1 (ii) by striking “to be furnished by the
2 Secretary under this section may be pro-
3 cured by the Secretary” and inserting
4 “under this section and may procure such
5 appliances”;

6 (4) in section 1712C(h)—

7 (A) by striking “section 1712 of this title”
8 and inserting “this chapter”; and

9 (B) by striking “outpatient dental services
10 and treatment, and related dental appliances,
11 under such section 1712” and inserting “dental
12 services and appliances under this chapter”;
13 and

14 (5) by striking section 2062.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1525(a) of
16 such title is amended by striking “medicines under section
17 1712(d)” and inserting “medicines under section
18 1712(b)”.

19 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—Such title is further
20 amended—

21 (1) in section 1712, in the heading for such sec-
22 tion, by striking “**Dental care**” and inserting
23 “**Appliances**”;

1 (2) in the table of sections at the beginning of
2 chapter 17, by striking the item relating to section
3 1712 and inserting the following new item:

 “1712. Appliances; drugs and medicines for certain disabled veterans; vaccines.”;

4 and

5 (3) in the table of sections at the beginning of
6 chapter 20, by striking the item relating to section
7 2062.

8 **SEC. 302. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM ON TRAINING AND**
9 **EMPLOYMENT OF ALTERNATIVE DENTAL**
10 **HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR DENTAL**
11 **HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR VETERANS IN**
12 **RURAL AND OTHER UNDERSERVED COMMU-**
13 **NITIES.**

14 (a) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The
15 Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out a demonstra-
16 tion program to establish programs to train and employ
17 alternative dental health care providers in order to in-
18 crease access to dental health care services for veterans
19 who are entitled to such services from the Department of
20 Veterans Affairs and reside in rural and other underserved
21 communities.

22 (b) TELEHEALTH.—For purposes of alternative den-
23 tal health care providers and other dental care providers
24 who are licensed to provide clinical care, dental services

1 provided under the demonstration program under this sec-
2 tion may be administered by such providers through tele-
3 health-enabled collaboration and supervision when appro-
4 priate and feasible.

5 (c) ALTERNATIVE DENTAL HEALTH CARE PRO-
6 VIDERS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “alternative
7 dental health care providers” has the meaning given that
8 term in section 340G–1(a)(2) of the Public Health Service
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 256g–1(a)(2)).

10 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
12 essary to carry out the demonstration program under this
13 section.

14 **SEC. 303. PROGRAM OF EDUCATION TO PROMOTE DENTAL**
15 **HEALTH IN VETERANS.**

16 (a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Vet-
17 erans Affairs shall carry out a program of education to
18 promote dental health for veterans who are enrolled in the
19 system of annual patient enrollment of the Department
20 of Veterans Affairs established and operated under section
21 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code.

22 (b) ELEMENTS.—The program required by sub-
23 section (a) shall provide education for veterans on the fol-
24 lowing:

1 (1) The association between dental health and
2 overall health and well-being.

3 (2) Proper techniques for dental care.

4 (3) Signs and symptoms of commonly occurring
5 dental conditions.

6 (4) Treatment options for commonly occurring
7 dental issues.

8 (5) Options for obtaining access to dental care,
9 including information on eligibility for dental care
10 through the Department.

11 (6) Available and accessible options for obtain-
12 ing low or no-cost dental care, including through
13 dental schools and Federally Qualified Health Cen-
14 ters.

15 (7) Such other matters relating to dental health
16 as the Secretary considers appropriate.

17 (c) DELIVERY OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
19 educational materials to veterans under the program
20 required by subsection (a) through a variety of
21 mechanisms, including the following:

22 (A) The availability and distribution of
23 print materials at facilities of the Department
24 (including at medical centers, clinics, Vet Cen-
25 ters, and readjustment counseling centers) and

1 to providers (including members of Patient
2 Aligned Care Teams).

3 (B) The availability and distribution of
4 materials over the Internet, including through
5 webinars, My HealtheVet, and VA.gov.

6 (C) Presentations by the dental program
7 office of the Department of information, includ-
8 ing both small group and large group presen-
9 tations, and distribution of such information to
10 all locations in which the program is being car-
11 ried out.

12 (2) SELECTION OF MECHANISMS.—In selecting
13 mechanisms under paragraph (1), the Secretary
14 shall select mechanisms designed to maximize the
15 number of veterans who receive education under the
16 program.

17 (d) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be
18 construed to alter or revise the eligibility of any veteran
19 for dental care under the laws administered by the Sec-
20 retary.

21 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CEN-
23 TER.—The term “Federally Qualified Health Cen-
24 ter” means a Federally-qualified health center as de-

1 fined in section 1905(l)(2)(B) of the Social Security
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(l)(2)(B)).

3 (2) VET CENTER.—The term “Vet Center” has
4 the meaning given that term in section 1712A(h) of
5 title 38, United States Code.

6 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
7 on the date that is one year after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 304. STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM TO**
10 **INCENTIVIZE DENTAL TRAINING AND EN-**
11 **SURE THE DENTAL WORKFORCE OF THE DE-**
12 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

13 (a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Vet-
14 erans Affairs, to ensure that the Department of Veterans
15 Affairs has sufficient staff to provide dental services to
16 veterans, shall implement a loan reimbursement program
17 for qualified dentists, dental hygienists, and oral surgeons
18 who agree—

19 (1) to be appointed by the Secretary as a den-
20 tist, dental hygienist, or oral surgeon, as the case
21 may be, under section 7401 of title 38, United
22 States Code; and

23 (2) to serve as a dentist, dental hygienist, or
24 oral surgeon, as the case may be, of the Department
25 pursuant to such appointment at a dental clinic of

1 the Department for a period of not less than five
2 years.

3 (b) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT.**—The Secretary may reim-
4 burse not more than—

5 (1) \$75,000 for each dentist participating in
6 the program under subsection (a);

7 (2) \$10,000 for each dental hygienist partici-
8 pating in such program; and

9 (3) \$20,000 for each oral surgeon participating
10 in such program.

11 (c) **SELECTION OF LOCATIONS.**—The Secretary shall
12 monitor demand among veterans for dental care and re-
13 quire participants in the program under subsection (a) to
14 choose from dental clinics of the Department with the
15 greatest need for dentists, dental hygienists, or oral sur-
16 geons, as the case may be, according to facility enrollment
17 and patient demand.

18 **SEC. 305. EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS**
19 **FOR DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND**
20 **ORAL SURGEONS.**

21 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall enter into
22 educational and training partnerships with dental schools,
23 including dental programs within a community college, to
24 provide training and employment opportunities for den-
25 tists, dental hygienists, and oral surgeons.

1 **TITLE IV—FEDERAL BUREAU OF**
2 **PRISONS**

3 **SEC. 401. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM ON TRAINING AND**
4 **EMPLOYMENT OF ALTERNATIVE DENTAL**
5 **HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR DENTAL**
6 **HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR PRISONERS**
7 **WITHIN THE CUSTODY OF THE BUREAU OF**
8 **PRISONS.**

9 (a) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The
10 Attorney General, acting through the Director of the Bu-
11 reau of Prisons, may carry out a demonstration program
12 to establish programs to train and employ alternative den-
13 tal health care providers in order to increase access to den-
14 tal health services for prisoners within the custody of the
15 Bureau of Prisons.

16 (b) TELEHEALTH.—For purposes of alternative den-
17 tal health care providers and any other dental care pro-
18 viders who are licensed to provide clinical care, dental
19 services provided under the demonstration program under
20 this section may be administered by such providers
21 through telehealth-enabled collaboration and supervision
22 when deemed appropriate and feasible.

23 (c) ALTERNATIVE DENTAL HEALTH CARE PRO-
24 VIDERS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “alternative
25 dental health care providers” has the meaning given that

1 term in section 340G–1 of the Public Health Service Act
2 (42 U.S.C. 256g–1).

3 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
5 essary to carry out the demonstration program under this
6 section.

7 **TITLE V—INDIAN HEALTH**
8 **SERVICE**

9 **SEC. 501. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM ON TRAINING AND**
10 **EMPLOYMENT OF ALTERNATIVE DENTAL**
11 **HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR DENTAL**
12 **HEALTH CARE SERVICES UNDER THE INDIAN**
13 **HEALTH SERVICE.**

14 (a) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The
15 Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through
16 the Indian Health Service, may carry out a demonstration
17 program to establish programs to train and employ alter-
18 native dental health care providers in order to help elimi-
19 nate oral health disparities and increase access to dental
20 services through health programs operated by the Indian
21 Health Service, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and
22 urban Indian organizations (as those terms are defined in
23 section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25
24 U.S.C. 1603)).

1 (b) TELEHEALTH.—For purposes of alternative den-
2 tal health care providers and any other dental care pro-
3 viders who are licensed to provide clinical care, dental
4 services provided under the demonstration program under
5 this section may be administered by such providers
6 through telehealth-enabled collaboration and supervision
7 when deemed appropriate and feasible.

8 (c) ALTERNATIVE DENTAL HEALTH CARE PRO-
9 VIDERS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “alternative
10 dental health care providers” has the meaning given that
11 term in section 340G–1(a)(2) of the Public Health Service
12 Act (42 U.S.C. 256g–1(a)(2)).

13 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
14 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
15 essary to carry out the demonstration program under this
16 section.

17 **TITLE VI—REPORTS TO** 18 **CONGRESS**

19 **SEC. 601. REPORTS ON ENROLLMENT IN COVERAGE FOR** 20 **ORAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

21 (a) SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERV-
22 ICES.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
23 submit to Congress the following reports:

24 (1) COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS.—Not later than
25 October 1, 2028, a report that provides a com-

1 preprehensive cost-benefit analysis regarding the expansion
2 of coverage for dental services pursuant to this
3 Act, including whether the provision of such services
4 resulted in a reduction in total health care costs for
5 individuals under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.
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7 (2) ANNUAL REPORT ON ENROLLMENT, UTILIZATION,
8 AND EXPENDITURES IN DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the
9 enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, an
10 annual report containing detailed information on—
11

12 (A) enrollment in private insurance plans
13 providing pediatric and adult dental coverage,
14 whether such coverage is provided through a
15 qualified health plan (as defined in section
16 1301(a) of the Patient Protection and Affordable
17 Care Act (Public Law 111–148)) or a
18 stand-alone dental plan;

19 (B) the utilization of oral health services
20 by children and adults who receive dental coverage
21 under a qualified health plan or a stand-alone
22 dental plan; and

23 (C) expenditures related to oral health
24 services by individuals and families who receive

1 dental coverage in a qualified health plan or
2 stand-alone dental plan.

3 (b) COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—

4 (1) MEDICAID AND MEDICARE.—Not later than
5 January 1, 2028, the Comptroller General of the
6 United States shall submit to Congress a report that
7 provides a comprehensive analysis and evaluation of
8 the implementation and utilization of the expanded
9 coverage for dental services pursuant to this Act for
10 individuals enrolled in the Medicare and Medicaid
11 programs.

12 (2) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS.—Not later
13 than January 1, 2028, the Comptroller General of
14 the United States shall submit to Congress a report
15 that provides a comprehensive analysis and evalua-
16 tion of the demonstration programs described in sec-
17 tions 302, 401, and 501, including—

18 (A) the extent to which the programs im-
19 proved access to oral health care and increased
20 utilization of oral health services; and

21 (B) an examination of the training pro-
22 vided under the programs to alternative dental
23 health care providers and the quality of care
24 provided by such providers.