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To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for training and support services for Alzheimer’s patients and their families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. COHEN, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. RICHARDSON, Ms. FUDGE, and Mr. RUSH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Alzheimer’s Caregiver
5 Support Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS REGARDING TRAINING AND SUPPORT**
2 **SERVICES FOR ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS AND**
3 **THEIR FAMILIES.**

4 Part D of title III of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by inserting after
6 section 330L the following:

7 **“SEC. 330M. GRANTS REGARDING TRAINING AND SUPPORT**
8 **SERVICES FOR ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS AND**
9 **THEIR FAMILIES.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
11 to public and nonprofit private health care providers for
12 the purpose of expanding training and support services for
13 families and caregivers of patients with Alzheimer's dis-
14 ease.

15 “(b) RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS.—The public and non-
16 profit private health care providers to whom grants may
17 be made under subsection (a) include health care organi-
18 zations, community health centers, nursing homes, senior
19 centers, Area Agencies on Aging, community-based orga-
20 nizations, and State, local, and tribal health agencies and
21 social service agencies.

22 “(c) INTEGRATION OF TREATMENT, TRAINING, AND
23 SUPPORT SERVICES.—A condition for the receipt of a
24 grant under subsection (a) is that the applicant involved
25 agrees to employ a comprehensive approach to Alzheimer's
26 care that integrates treatment of patients with Alz-

1 heimer’s disease with training and support services for the
2 patients’ families and caregivers.

3 “(d) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall coordi-
4 nate with the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women’s
5 Health and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority
6 Health in order to ensure that women, minorities, and pa-
7 tients who live in medically underserved communities (as
8 defined in section 799B(6)) are able to benefit from the
9 training and support services funded through grants under
10 subsection (a).

11 “(e) APPROPRIATE CULTURAL CONTEXT.—A condi-
12 tion for the receipt of a grant under subsection (a) is that
13 the applicant involved agrees that, in any program to be
14 funded by such grant, services will be provided in the lan-
15 guages most appropriate for, and with consideration for
16 the cultural backgrounds of, the individuals for whom the
17 services are provided.

18 “(f) OUTREACH SERVICES.—A condition for the re-
19 ceipt of a grant under subsection (a) is that the applicant
20 involved agrees to provide outreach activities to inform the
21 public of the services of the program, and to provide infor-
22 mation on Alzheimer’s disease.

23 “(g) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be
24 made under subsection (a) only if an application for the
25 grant is submitted to the Secretary and the application

1 is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains
2 such agreements, assurances, and information as the Sec-
3 retary determines to be necessary to carry out this section.

4 “(h) FUNDING.—

5 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6 For the purpose of carrying out this section, there
7 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may
8 be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2012
9 through 2017.

10 “(2) ALLOCATION FOR MEDICALLY UNDER-

11 SERVED COMMUNITIES.—Of the amounts appro-

12 priated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the

13 Secretary shall make available not less than 10 per-

14 cent for grants under subsection (a) to applicants

15 that primarily serve medically underserved commu-

16 nities, as defined in section 799B(6).”.

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