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To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a Health in All Policies Demonstration Project, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOOKER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

# A BILL

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4        This Act may be cited as the “Researching and End-  
5        ing Disparities by Understanding and Creating Equity Act  
6        of 2020” or the “REDUCE Act of 2020”.

7 SEC. 2. HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES DEMONSTRATION  
8 PROJECT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-

1     retary") acting through the Director of the Centers for  
2     Disease Control and Prevention and in coordination with  
3     relevant agencies including the Department of Education,  
4     the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Hous-  
5     ing and Urban Development, the Department of Justice,  
6     the Department of Labor, the Environmental Protection  
7     Agency, and the Department of Transportation, shall im-  
8     plement a grant program, to be known as the Health in  
9     All Policies Demonstration Project.

10                 (b) GRANTS.—In carrying out subsection (a), the  
11     Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities to estab-  
12     lish, implement, or enhance, in the jurisdiction of the re-  
13     spective entity, a collaborative, interdisciplinary, and com-  
14     munity-focused approach to improve the health of all com-  
15     munities and individuals that—

16                         (1) integrates and articulates health consider-  
17     ations in policymaking across sectors;

18                         (2) addresses—

19                                 (A) health;

20                                 (B) equity; and

21                                 (C) sustainability; and

22                         (3) targets a significant proportion of Medicare  
23     beneficiaries, Medicare-Medicaid dual eligibles, or  
24     long-term care Medicaid recipients.

1       (c) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall identify  
2 metrics for evaluating the implementation of a grant  
3 under this section and, using such metrics, evaluate each  
4 grantee on the extent to which the approach implemented  
5 through the grant—

- 6              (1) supports intersectoral collaboration;  
7              (2) benefits multiple partners;  
8              (3) engages stakeholders;  
9              (4) creates structural or procedural change;  
10             (5) impacts or relates to a model or demonstra-  
11             tion project administered by the Centers for Medi-  
12             care & Medicaid Services, such as an advanced pay-  
13             ment model; and  
14             (6) provides cost savings, delivers efficiencies,  
15             and improves overall health, including health dis-  
16             parity reduction and health equity improvements.

17       (d) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
18 under this section, an entity shall—  
19              (1) be a State, territory, Indian Tribe, or local  
20             governmental entity; and  
21              (2) submit an application to the Secretary at  
22             such time, in such manner, and containing such in-  
23             formation as the Secretary may require.

1           (e) PRIORITIZATION; GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSITY.—

2 In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary  
3 shall—

4               (1) give priority to eligible entities seeking to  
5 use a grant to improve, as described in subsection  
6 (b), the health of populations that—

7                   (A) are target populations described in  
8 subsection (b)(3); and

9                   (B) have significant health inequities  
10 throughout the populations; and

11               (2) seek to ensure geographical diversity among  
12 grantees.

13           (f) REPORTS BY GRANTEES.—As a condition on re-  
14 ceipt of a grant under this section, the Secretary shall re-  
15 quire grantees to—

16               (1) provide a report to the Secretary upon com-  
17 pletion of the Health in All Policies Demonstration  
18 Project; and

19               (2) include in such report the extent to which  
20 the approach implemented achieved the goals listed  
21 in paragraphs (1) through (6) of subsection (c).

22           (g) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

23               (1) SUBMISSION.—The Secretary shall submit  
24 to Congress—

(A) not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, an initial report on the Health in All Policies Demonstration Project; and

(B) not later than one year after the completion of the project, a final report on the project.

(2) CONTENTS OF INITIAL REPORT.—The report under paragraph (1)(A) shall include—

10 (A) evaluation the success of soliciting ap-  
11 plications;

12 (B) identification of the number of applica-  
13 tions received;

14 (C) specification of the timeline for award-  
15 ing funding; and

(D) identification of barriers to implementing the Health in All Policies Demonstration Project, if any.

21 (A) an assessment of the Health in All  
22 Policies Demonstration Project, including an  
23 evaluation of the effectiveness of the Dem-  
24 onstration Project; and

(B) recommendations for Federal legislative actions to—

10 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11                   (1) The term “Medicare beneficiaries” means  
12 individuals entitled to part A of title XVIII of the  
13 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395c et seq.) and  
14 enrolled under part B of such title (42 U.S.C. 1395j  
15 et seq.).

21       (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry  
22 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated  
23 \$2,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2021 through  
24 2024.

1   **SEC. 3. NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES, ENGINEER-**

2                 **ING, AND MEDICINE REPORT.**

3                 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
4     Human Services shall seek to enter into an arrangement,  
5     not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this  
6     Act, with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineer-  
7     ing, and Medicine (or if the Academies decline to enter  
8     into such arrangement, another appropriate entity) under  
9     which the Academies (or other appropriate entity) agrees  
10    to prepare a report on eliminating health disparities to im-  
11   prove health equity.

12                 (b) REPORT.—

13                 (1) CONTENTS.—The report prepared pursuant  
14    to subsection (a) shall—

15                     (A) review evidence on how social deter-  
16     minants of health affect health outcomes among  
17     middle-income Medicare beneficiaries and Medi-  
18     care-Medicaid dual eligibles;

19                     (B) examine successful interventions, in-  
20     cluding with respect to health outcomes, that  
21     address social determinants of health (including  
22     transportation, meals, housing, access to health  
23     care, personal care assistance, and access to  
24     long-term services and supports), reduce health  
25     disparities, and improve health equity;

26                     (C) make conclusions regarding—

(i) the effectiveness of existing programs and policies of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services intended to reduce health disparities;

(ii) best practices and successful strategies that reduce health disparities; and

(iii) efforts needed to address health disparities related to health care workforce shortages; and

(D) make recommendations regarding—

(i) priorities for health disparities interventions within Federal health care programs; and

(ii) potential opportunities for expansion or replication of successful interventions and payment models to reduce health disparities and improve health equity.

SUBMISSION.—The arrangement under sub-  
a) shall require the National Academies of  
Engineering, and Medicine (or other ap-  
entity), not later than 18 months after en-  
to such arrangement, to finalize the report  
pursuant to such arrangement and submit  
ort to the Committees on Energy and Com-

1       merce and Ways and Means of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives and the Committees on Finance and  
3       Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-  
4       ate.

5       (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6              (1) The term “health equity” means a State  
7       where all individuals are able to attain their full  
8       health potential and no one is hindered from achiev-  
9       ing this potential due to social position or another  
10      socially determined circumstance.

11             (2) The term “middle-income Medicare bene-  
12       ficiaries” means individuals entitled to part A of  
13       title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
14       1395c et seq.) and enrolled under part B of such  
15       title (42 U.S.C. 1395j et seq.) who have an income  
16       that is not below 125 percent of the poverty line ap-  
17       plicable to a family of the size involved, but not  
18       more than 400 percent of the poverty line so appli-  
19       cable.

20             (3) The term “Medicare-Medicaid dual eligi-  
21       bles” means individuals who are dually eligible for  
22       benefits under title XVIII of the Social Security Act  
23       (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) and title XIX of such Act  
24       (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

1                   (4) The term “social determinants of health”  
2       refers to the conditions in the environments in which  
3       people live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that  
4       affect a wide range of health, functioning, and qual-  
5       ity-of-life outcomes and risks.

