

# **Mental and Behavioral Health Training**

## **SEC. \_\_. MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRAINING.**

Part E of title VII (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

### **“Subpart 3—Mental and Behavioral Health Training**

#### **“SEC. 775. MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM.**

“(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish an interdisciplinary mental and behavioral health training

program consisting of awarding grants and contracts under subsection (b).

“(b) SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAMS.—The Secretary shall make grants to, or enter into contracts with, eligible entities—

“(1) to plan, develop, operate, or participate in an accredited professional training program for mental and behavioral health professionals to promote—

“(A) interdisciplinary training; and

“(B) coordination of the delivery of health care within and across settings, including health care institutions, community-based settings, and the patient’s home;

“(2) to provide financial assistance to mental and behavioral health professionals, who are participants in any such program, and who plan to work in such fields;

“(3) to plan, develop, operate, or participate in an accredited program for the training of mental

and behavioral health professionals who plan to teach in such fields; and

“(4) to provide financial assistance in the form of traineeships and fellowships to mental and behavioral health professionals who are participants in any such program and who plan to teach in such fields.

“(c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant or contract under subsection (b), an entity shall be—

“(1) an accredited health professions school, including an accredited school or program of psychology, psychiatry, social work, marriage and family therapy, professional mental health and substance abuse counseling, or addiction medicine;

“(2) an accredited public or nonprofit private hospital;

“(3) a public or private nonprofit entity; or

“(4) a consortium of 2 or more entities described in paragraphs (1) through (3).

“(d) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants or contracts under this section, the Secretary shall give preference to entities that have a demonstrated record of the following:

“(1) Training the greatest percentage, or significantly improving the percentage, of health professionals who serve in underserved communities.

“(2) Supporting teaching programs that address the health care needs of vulnerable populations.

“(3) Training individuals who are from underrepresented minority groups or disadvantaged backgrounds.

“(4) Training individuals who serve geriatric populations with an emphasis on underserved elderly.

“(5) Training individuals who serve pediatric populations with an emphasis on underserved children.

“(e) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the Congress an annual report on the program under this section.

“(f) DEFINITION.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘health disparities’ has the meaning given the term in section 3171.

“(2) The term ‘mental and behavioral health professional’ means an individual training or practicing—

“(A) in psychology; general, geriatric, child or adolescent psychiatry; social work; marriage and family therapy; professional mental health and substance abuse counseling; or addiction medicine; or

“(B) another mental and behavioral health specialty, as deemed appropriate by the Secretary.

“(3) The term ‘interdisciplinary’ means collaboration across health professions, specialties, and sub-specialties, which may include public health, nursing, allied health, and appropriate medical specialties.

“(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014. Of the amounts appropriated to carry out this section, not less than 15 percent shall be used for training programs in psychology.