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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grant funding to States for mental health and substance disorder parity implementation.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CÁRDENAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grant funding to States for mental health and substance disorder parity implementation.

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 “Parity Implementation  
5 Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUB-**  
2 **STANCE DISORDER PARITY IMPLEMENTA-**  
3 **TION.**

4 Section 2794(c)(2) of the Public Health Service Act  
5 (42 U.S.C. 300gg-94(c)(2)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “under  
7 paragraph (1) and subparagraph (B)” and inserting  
8 “under paragraph (1), subparagraph (B), and sub-  
9 paragraph (C), provided that there are appropriated  
10 to the Secretary an additional \$50,000,000 to be  
11 available for expenditure for grants under subpara-  
12 graph (C) once such \$250,000,000 has been ex-  
13 hausted”;

14 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-  
15 paragraph (D); and

16 (3) by adding after subparagraph (B) the fol-  
17 lowing new subparagraph:

18 “(C) PARITY IMPLEMENTATION.—Begin-  
19 ning 60 days after the date of the enactment of  
20 the Parity Implementation Assistance Act, the  
21 Secretary shall award grants to States to imple-  
22 ment the mental health and substance disorder  
23 parity provisions of section 2726, provided that  
24 in order to receive such a grant, a State must  
25 request and review from health insurance  
26 issuers offering group or individual health in-

1           surance coverage the comparative analyses and  
2           other information required of such health insur-  
3           ance issuers under subsection (a)(8)(A) of such  
4           section 2726 regarding the design and applica-  
5           tion of nonquantitative treatment limitations  
6           imposed on mental health or substance use dis-  
7           order benefits.”.