

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 618
OFFERED BY MR. WALBERG OF MICHIGAN**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Access to
3 Workers’ Compensation for Injured Federal Workers
4 Act”.

**5 SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND NURSE
6 PRACTITIONERS IN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES’
7 COMPENSATION ACT.**

8 (a) INCLUSION.—Section 8101 of title 5, United
9 States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, other eligi-
11 ble providers,” after “osteopathic practitioners”;

12 (2) by striking “and” at the end of paragraphs
13 (18) and (19);

14 (3) by striking the period at the end of para-
15 graph (20) and inserting “; and”; and

16 (4) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(21) ‘other eligible provider’ means a nurse
2 practitioner or physician assistant within the scope
3 of their practice as defined by State law.”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 81 of
5 title 5, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in section 8103(a)—

7 (A) by inserting “or other eligible pro-
8 vider” after “physician” in each instance; and

9 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “or
10 other eligible providers” after “physicians”;

11 (2) in section 8121(6), by inserting “or other
12 eligible provider” after “physician”; and

13 (3) in section 8123(a)—

14 (A) by inserting “or other eligible pro-
15 vider” after “The employee may have a physi-
16 cian”; and

17 (B) by inserting “or other eligible pro-
18 vider” after “United States and the physician”.

19 (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 months after
20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor
21 shall finalize rules to carry out the amendments made by
22 this Act.

