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1ST SESSION

# H. R. 618

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2023

Mr. WALBERG (for himself and Mr. COURTNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## 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 “Improving Access to  
5 Workers’ Compensation for Injured Federal Workers  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND NURSE**  
2 **PRACTITIONERS IN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES'**  
3 **COMPENSATION ACT.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (1) in section 8103(a)—

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

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

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

25 (3) in section 8123(a)—

1           (A) by inserting “or other eligible pro-  
2           vider” after “The employee may have a physi-  
3           cian”; and

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

6           (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 months after  
7           the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall final-  
8           ize rules to carry out the amendments made by this Act.

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