



December 5, 2015

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Health

FROM: Committee Majority Staff

RE: Hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Improve Health Care and Treatment”

I. INTRODUCTION

On Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Health will hold a hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Improve Health Care and Treatment.”

II. WITNESSES

- Chad Asplund, MD, MPH, FACSM; Director, Athletic Medicine and Head Team Physician; Georgia Southern University;
- Jonathan Reiner, MD; Director, Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory; George Washington University Hospital;
- Anthony R. Gregg, MD; Professor and Chief, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, University of Florida Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology;
- Ginger Breedlove, PhD, CNM, APRN, FACNM; President, American College of Nurse Midwives;
- Deborah E. Trautman, PhD, RN, FAAN; President and CEO; American Association of Colleges of Nursing; and
- Ovidio Bermudez, MD, FAAP, FSAHM, FAEd, F.iaedp, CEDS; Chief Clinical Officer and Medical Director of Child and Adolescent Services; Eating Recovery Center Senior Board Advisor, National Eating Disorders Association.

III. BACKGROUND

At the hearing, the Subcommittee will discuss the following legislation:

A. H.R. 921, Sports Medicine Licensure Act of 2015

Authored by Vice Chairman Guthrie (R-KY), this legislation would clarify medical liability rules for athletic trainers and medical professionals to ensure they are properly covered by their malpractice insurance while traveling with athletic teams in another State.

B. H.R. 4152, Cardiac Arrest Survival Act of 2015

Authored by Rep. Olson (R-TX), this legislation would expand immunity from civil liability related to the use of an automated external defibrillator device (AED). Specifically, H.R. 4152 would establish a nationally uniform baseline of protection for persons who use AEDs in perceived medical emergencies, who own or hold other property interests in AEDs used in perceived medical emergencies, or who own, occupy, or manage premises in which an AED is used.

C. H.R. 3441, Accurate Education for Prenatal Screening

This bill, authored by Rep. Herrera Beutler (R-WA), would direct the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to develop, implement, and maintain programs to educate patients and health care providers regarding cell-free DNA prenatal screening.

D. H.R. 1209, Improving Access to Maternity Care

The bill, authored by Rep. Burgess (R-TX), would direct the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration to designate maternity care health professional shortage areas under the primary care designation in the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). Currently, maternity care providers are allowed to enter the NHSC under the primary care designation. However, no data is being collected on where a maternity care provider is most needed. This bill would allow maternity care providers participating in the NHSC to be placed in areas with the greatest need for maternity care.

E. H.R. 2713, Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act

This bill, authored by Rep. Capps (D-CA), would amend Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act to extend advanced education nursing grants to support clinical nurse specialist programs. It would address many aspects of nursing workforce demand, including education, practice, recruitment, and retention.

F. H.R. 4153, Educating to prevent Eating Disorders Act of 2015

This bill, authored by Rep. Ellmers (R-NC), would create a program through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality that would establish a three year pilot program to test the impact of providing middle school students in eligible schools with interventions to prevent, identify, intervene, and manage eating disorders.

IV. STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact Katie Novaria, Adrianna Simonelli, Carly McWilliams, or John Stone at (202) 225-2927.