AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the "Strengthening the3 Health Care Fraud Prevention Task Force Act of 2018".

4 SEC. 2. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTH CARE

WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE DETECTION.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1128C(a) of the Social
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–7c(a)) is amended by add8 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

9 "(6) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR
10 WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE DETECTION.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Under the program
described in paragraph (1), there is established
a public-private partnership (in this paragraph
referred to as the 'partnership') of health plans,
Federal and State agencies, law enforcement
agencies, and health care anti-fraud organizations (in this paragraph referred to as 'part-

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1	ners') for purposes of detecting and preventing
2	health care waste, fraud, and abuse.
3	"(B) Contract with trusted third
4	PARTY.—
5	"(i) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out
6	the partnership, the Secretary shall enter
7	into a contract with a trusted third party
8	for purposes of carrying out the duties of
9	the partnership described in subparagraph
10	(C).
11	"(ii) LENGTH OF CONTRACT.—A con-
12	tract with a trusted third party described
13	in clause (i) shall be for a period of 5
14	years. Such contract with such party may
15	be renewed as determined appropriate by
16	the Secretary.
17	"(C) DUTIES OF PARTNERSHIP.—The
18	partnership shall—
19	"(i) provide technical and operational
20	support to facilitate data sharing between
21	partners in the partnership;
22	"(ii) analyze data so shared to iden-
23	tify fraudulent and aberrant billing pat-
24	terns;

1	"(iii) conduct aggregate analyses of
2	health care data so shared across Federal,
3	State, and private health plans for pur-
4	poses of detecting fraud, waste, and abuse
5	schemes;
6	"(iv) identify outlier trends and poten-
7	tial vulnerabilities of partners in the part-
8	nership with respect to such schemes;
9	"(v) refer specific cases of potential
10	criminal conduct to appropriate law en-
11	forcement entities;
12	"(vi) convene, not less than annually,
13	meetings with partners in the partnership
14	for purposes of providing updates on the
15	partnership's work and facilitating infor-
16	mation sharing between the partners;
17	"(vii) enter into data sharing and
18	data use agreements with partners in the
19	partnership in such a manner so as to en-
20	sure the partnership has access to data
21	necessary to identify waste, fraud, and
22	abuse while maintaining the confidentiality
23	and integrity of such data;
24	"(viii) provide partners in the partner-
25	ship with plan-specific, confidential feed-

1	back on any aberrant billing patterns or
2	potential fraud identified by the partner-
3	ship with respect to such partner;
4	"(ix) establish a process by which en-
5	tities described in subparagraph (A) may
6	enter the partnership and requirements
7	such entities must meet to enter the part-
8	nership;
9	"(x) provide appropriate training, out-
10	reach, and education to partners based on
11	the results of data analyses described in
12	clauses (ii) and (iii); and
13	"(xi) perform such other duties as the
14	Secretary determines appropriate.
15	"(D) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREAT-
16	MENT ANALYSIS.—Not later than 2 years after
17	the date of the enactment of the Strengthening
18	the Health Care Fraud Prevention Task Force
19	Act of 2018, the trusted third party with a con-
20	tract in effect under subparagraph (B) shall
21	perform an analysis of aberrant or fraudulent
22	billing patterns and trends with respect to pro-
23	viders and suppliers of substance use disorder
24	treatments from data shared with the partner-
25	ship.

"(E) EXECUTIVE BOARD.—
"(i) EXECUTIVE BOARD COMPOSI-
TION.—
"(I) IN GENERAL.—There shall
be an executive board of the partner-
ship comprised of representatives of
the Federal Government described in
subclause (III) and representatives of
the private sector described in sub-
clause (IV).
"(II) CHAIRS.—The executive
board shall be co-chaired by one Fed-
eral Government official and one rep-
resentative from the private sector.
"(III) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTATIVES.—
"(aa) Required mem-
BERS.—The executive board shall
consist of the following members
(or designees of the following)
from the Federal Government:
"(AA) The Adminis-
trator of the Centers for
Medicare & Medicaid Serv-
ices.

1	"(BB) The Deputy At-
2	torney General for the De-
3	partment of Justice.
4	"(CC) The Deputy Sec-
5	retary of the Department of
6	Health and Human Services.
7	"(DD) The Inspector
8	General for the Department
9	of Health and Human Serv-
10	ices.
11	"(EE) The Director of
12	the Federal Bureau of In-
13	vestigation.
14	"(bb) Permissive addi-
15	TIONAL MEMBERS.—If deter-
16	mined by unanimous consent of
17	the members of the executive
18	board, the board may include
19	other Federal or State Govern-
20	ment representation as appro-
21	priate, including senior-level rep-
22	resentation from the TRICARE
23	Management Activity, the De-
24	partment of Veterans Affairs, the
25	Office of Personnel Management,

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1	State Medicaid agencies, and
2	State medicaid fraud control
3	units.
4	"(IV) PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBER-
5	SHIP.—
6	"(aa) IN GENERAL.—The
7	executive board shall consist of at
8	least three senior-level represent-
9	atives from various private sector
10	health care related associations,
11	including any national association
12	focusing on Medicaid fraud at
13	the State level. The private
14	health sector associations shall be
15	national professional associations
16	or trade groups that are focused
17	on health care insurance, anti-
18	fraud, or both.
19	"(bb) Selection.—The
20	members of the board from pri-
21	vate sector health care related as-
22	sociations shall be jointly selected
23	by the Federal Government mem-
24	bers described in subclause
25	(III)(aa), after outreach to

1	known relevant private sector
2	health care related associations
3	with a national scope. After con-
4	sidering any appropriate indi-
5	vidual input from private-sector
6	partners, the Secretary and At-
7	torney General (or their des-
8	ignees) shall make all final execu-
9	tive decisions. In the case that
10	the executive board expands the
11	number of members from the
12	Federal Government pursuant to
13	subclause (III)(bb), the number
14	of members of the executive
15	board from the private health
16	sector may also increase by the
17	same number of representatives,
18	through the same process as de-
19	scribed in this item for purposes
20	of selection of members from the
21	private sector.
22	"(ii) MEETINGS.—The executive
23	board of the partnership shall meet at
24	least twice per year.

1	"(iii) EXECUTIVE BOARD DUTIES
2	The duties of the executive board shall in-
3	clude the following:
4	"(I) Providing strategic direction
5	for the partnership, including mem-
6	bership criteria and a mission state-
7	ment.
8	"(II) Communicating with the
9	leadership of the Department of
10	Health and Human Services and the
11	Department of Justice and the var-
12	ious private health sector associations.
13	"(III) Sharing with partners top-
14	ics for studies and analysis.
15	"(F) REPORTS.—Not later than September
16	30, 2021, and every 2 years thereafter, the Sec-
17	retary shall submit to Congress and make avail-
18	able on the public website of the Centers for
19	Medicare & Medicaid Services a report con-
20	taining-
21	"(i) a review of activities conducted by
22	the partnership over the 2-year period end-
23	ing on the date of the submission of such
24	report, including any progress to any ob-
25	jectives established by the partnership;

1	"(ii) any savings voluntarily reported
2	by health plans participating in the part-
3	nership attributable to the partnership
4	during such period;
5	"(iii) any savings to the Federal gov-
6	ernment attributable to the partnership
7	during such period;
8	"(iv) any other savings attributable to
9	the partnership, as determined by the Sec-
10	retary, during such period; and
11	"(v) a strategic plan for the 2-year
12	period beginning on the day after the date
13	of the submission of such report, including
14	a description of any emerging fraud and
15	abuse schemes, trends, or practices that
16	the partnership intends to study during
17	such period.
18	"(G) FUNDING.—The partnership shall be
19	funded by amounts otherwise made available to
20	the Secretary for carrying out the program de-
21	scribed in paragraph (1).
22	"(H) TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.—To the
23	extent consistent with this subsection, all func-
24	tions, personnel, assets, liabilities, and adminis-
25	trative actions applicable on the date before the

1	date of the enactment of this paragraph to the
2	National Fraud Prevention Partnership estab-
3	lished on September 10, 2012 by charter of the
4	Secretary shall be transferred to the partner-
5	ship established under subparagraph (A) as of
6	the date of the enactment of this paragraph.
7	"(I) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this
8	paragraph, the term 'trusted third party' means
9	an entity that—
10	"(i) demonstrates the capability to
11	carry out the duties of the partnership de-
12	scribed in subparagraph (C);
13	"(ii) complies with such conflict of in-
14	terest standards determined appropriate by
15	the Secretary; and
16	"(iii) meets such other requirements
17	as the Secretary may prescribe.".
18	(b) POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE
19	PARTNERSHIP ANALYSES.—Not later than 1 year after
20	the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
21	Health and Human Services shall conduct a study and
22	submit to Congress a report on the feasibility of the part-
23	nership (as described in section $1128C(a)(6)$ of the Social
24	Security Act, as added by subsection (a)) establishing a
25	system to conduct real-time data analysis to proactively

identify ongoing as well as emergent fraud trends for the
 entities participating in the partnership and provide such
 entities with real-time feedback on potentially fraudulent
 claims. Such report shall include the estimated cost of and
 any potential barriers to the partnership establishing such
 a system.

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