

June 25, 2018

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Health  
FROM: Committee Majority Staff  
RE: Subcommittee Markup

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The Subcommittee on Health will meet in open markup session on Wednesday June 27, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building to consider the following:

- H.R. \_\_\_\_, Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2018;
- H.R. 959, Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017;
- H.R. 1676, Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act;
- H.R. 3728, Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency Readiness (EMPOWER) Act of 2017; and
- H.R. 5385, Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2018.

In keeping with Chairman Walden’s announced policy, Members must submit any amendments they may have two hours before they are offered during this markup. Members may submit amendments by email to [peter.kielty@mail.house.gov](mailto:peter.kielty@mail.house.gov). Any information with respect to an amendment’s parliamentary standing (e.g., its germaneness) should be submitted at this time as well.

## II. EXPLANATION OF LEGISLATION

### A. H.R. \_\_\_\_, Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2018

The Subcommittee held a hearing on June 6, 2018, to review a discussion draft entitled “Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2018,” authored by Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN) and Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA). The discussion draft will reauthorize key preparedness and response programs such as the Hospital Preparedness Program, Temporary Reassignment of Federally Funded Personnel, the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters, and the Emergency System for Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals. It clarifies the use of the Public Health Emergency Fund and codifies the Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise. It improves the ability of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to fill intermittent Federal employee vacancies in National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) personnel to support preparedness for

and response to threats and provides Public Safety Officer Benefit Act coverage for NDMS Employees. In addition, the legislation provides resources for the development of medical countermeasures for pandemic influenza and emerging infectious diseases within Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA).

**B. H.R. 959, Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017**

The Subcommittee held a hearing on September 14, 2017, to examine H.R. 959, Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017. This legislation, introduced by Rep. David Joyce (R-OH), amends Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (PHSA) to reauthorize nursing workforce development programs, which support the recruitment, retention, and advanced education of skilled nursing professionals. The bill extends advanced education nursing grants to support clinical nurse specialists and clinical nurse leaders, defines nurse-managed health clinics, adds clinical nurse specialists to the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education, and reauthorizes loan repayments, scholarships, and grants for education, practice, quality and retention.

**C. H.R. 1676, Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act**

H.R. 1676, introduced by Rep. Engel (D-NY), Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY), and Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA), directs HHS to award grants to improve the training of health professionals in palliative care. It increases education and awareness about the benefits and services of palliative care, and also enhances research on palliative care through leveraging existing authorities and funds at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

**D. H.R. 3728, Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency Readiness (EMPOWER) Act of 2017**

The Subcommittee held a hearing on September 14, 2017, to examine H.R. 3728, Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency Readiness (EMPOWER) Act of 2017. H.R. 3728, introduced by Rep. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX), Rep. Janice D. Schakowsky (D-IL), and Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-ID), amends Title VII of the PHSA to reauthorize the health professions workforce programs that support loan repayment and provider training experiences in primary care, dentistry, rural or underserved areas, and in community-based settings. These programs include the Centers of Excellence, the Health Professions Training for Diversity Program, Primary Care Training and Enhancement grants, Training in General Pediatric and Public Health Dentistry grants, Area Health Education Centers, the National Center for Healthcare Workforce Analysis, and the Public Health Workforce grants. The bill also restructures the geriatric health professional grant program to reflect changes that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has pursued to enhance outcomes for geriatric patients.

**E. H.R. 5385, Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2018**

The Subcommittee held a hearing on May 23, 2018, to examine H.R. 5385, Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2018. This legislation, introduced by Rep. Gene

Green (D-TX) and Rep. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX), reauthorizes payments to Children's Hospitals that operate graduate medical education (GME) programs for five years. This legislation will continue to enable the nation's freestanding children's hospitals to provide education to graduates of medical schools, enhance pediatric research capabilities, and care for vulnerable and underserved children.

### **III. STAFF CONTACTS**

If you have any questions regarding this markup, please contact Kristen Shatynski or Danielle Steele or Josh Trent of the Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.