

MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION – 118TH CONGRESS

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*** = New legislation introduced since last update in May 2024

Allen, Rick W. (R-GA)

<u>H.R.3669</u>, <u>Expanding Student Access to Mental Health Services Act:</u> To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve mental health services for students, and for other purposes.

Balderson, Troy (R-OH)

***H.R. 9138, To expand psychological mental and behavioral health services to Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP beneficiaries by permitting reimbursement of psychological services provided by certain supervised psychology trainees, and facilitating the reimbursement of those services.

Balint, Becca (D-VT) - Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.8422</u>, <u>Mental Health Emergency Needs in Disasters Act:</u> To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish programs for the provision of mental health services to individuals affected by a major disaster, and for other purposes.

<u>H.R.2642</u>, <u>PEER Mental Health Act of 2023</u>: To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, to award grants for peer mental health first aid, and for other purposes.

Berra, Ami (D-CA)

<u>H.R.3671</u>, <u>HERO Act</u>: To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to improve the detection, prevention, and treatment of mental health issues among public safety officers, and for other purposes.

Beyer, Donald (D-VA) - Mental Health Caucus Co-Chair

<u>H.R.3759</u>, <u>Barriers to Suicide Act of 2023</u>: To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program to facilitate the installation, on bridges, of evidence-based suicide deterrents, including suicide prevention nets and barriers, and for other purposes.

Biggs, Andy (R-AZ)

H.R.2005, To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Health Surveillance and Program Support for fiscal year 2024: This bill limits FY2024 funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for surveillance and program support.

H.R.2004, To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Substance Abuse Prevention for fiscal year 2024: This bill limits FY2024 funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for substance abuse prevention.

H.R.2003, To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Substance Abuse Treatment for fiscal year 2024: This bill limits FY2024 funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for substance abuse treatment.

H.R.2002, To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Mental Health for fiscal year 2024: This bill limits FY2024 funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for mental health.

H.R.1991, To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health National Institute of Mental Health for fiscal year 2024: This bill limits FY2024 funding for the National Institute of Mental Health.

<u>H.R.105</u>, <u>TBI and PTSD Treatment Act:</u> This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to furnish hyperbaric oxygen therapy through a provider authorized by the Veterans Community Care Program to veterans who have a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.

Blunt Rochester, Lisa (D-DE) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.3312</u>, <u>Moms Matter Act:</u> To address maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

<u>H.R.2412</u>, <u>Helping Kids Cope Act:</u> To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to increase national capacity to provide pediatric behavioral health services at children's hospitals and through community-based providers to improve children's access to care; and to authorize grants to begin to address large numbers of children boarding in emergency departments, to support the pediatric behavioral health workforce, and for other purposes.

Bonamici, Suzanne (D-OR)

H.R.744, Supporting the Mental Health of Educators and Staff Act of 2023: This bill establishes grants and requires other activities to improve mental and behavioral health among education professionals and other school staff. Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must award grants or contracts to educational agencies, institutions of higher education, or consortia of such entities for programs to promote mental health and resiliency among education professionals and other school staff. In addition, HHS may award grants for educator preparation programs and training. Additionally, HHS must conduct a campaign to (1) encourage education professionals and other school staff to seek support and treatment for mental and behavioral health concerns, and (2) disseminate best practices to prevent suicide and improve mental health and resiliency among education professionals and other school staff. HHS must also study and develop policy recommendations on improving mental and behavioral health among education professionals and other school staff, removing barriers to accessing care and treatment, and identifying strategies to promote resiliency. Furthermore, the Government Accountability Office must report on the extent to which relevant federal grant programs address the prevalence and severity of mental health conditions and substance use disorders among education professionals and other school staff.

Bowman, Jamaal (D-NY)

<u>H.R.7924, ACCESS in Mental Health Act:</u> To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to support graduate programs in mental and behavioral health professions at minority-serving institutions, and for other purposes.

Brownley, Julia (D-CA)

<u>H.R.5467</u>, <u>Gun Suicide Prevention Act:</u> This bill prohibits manufacturers and retailers from selling firearms unless the firearm includes a label with the toll-free telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Buchanan, Vern (R-FL)

H.R.4400, Veteran Overmedication and Suicide Prevention Act of 2023: This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to contract with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to report on the deaths of covered veterans who died by suicide during the last five years, regardless of whether information relating to such deaths has been reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A covered veteran is any veteran who received VA hospital care or medical services during the five-year period preceding the veteran's death. Among other elements, the report shall include the total number of covered veterans who died by suicide, violent death, or accidental death, as well as certain demographic information.

H.R.2482, To require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the accessibility of mental health care providers and services for members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty, and for other purposes: This bill requires the Department of Defense to study the accessibility of mental health care providers and services for members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty.

Budzinski, Nikki (D-IL) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.4054</u>, <u>Trauma Support and Mental Health in Schools Reauthorization Act of 2023:</u> To amend the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to reauthorize grants to improve trauma support services and mental health care for children and youth in educational settings.

Bush, Cori (D-MO)

***H.R.8470, Gun Suicide Prevention Act: To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make awards to increase or improve access to comprehensive mental and behavioral health services for individuals exposed to violent encounters involving law enforcement personnel, and for other purposes.

Calvert, Ken (R-CA)

<u>H.R.7186</u>, <u>Helping Families Heal Act of 2024</u>: To provide for the integration of participant treatment within the Continuum of Care Program with Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, and for other purposes.

Caraveo, Yadira (D-CO) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.8377, Youth Suicide Prevention Research Act:</u> To amend the Advancing Research to Prevent Suicide Act to expand the areas of focus regarding childhood suicide, and for other purposes.

<u>H.R.8376, Latino Youth Mental Health Empowerment Act:</u> To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national awareness and outreach campaign to improve mental health among the Hispanic and Latino youth population.

<u>H.R.8375</u>, <u>Strengthening Our Pediatric Mental Health Workforce Act:</u> To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance to States on strategies under Medicaid and CHIP to increase pediatric mental and behavioral health provider education, training, recruitment, retention, and support, and for other purposes.

<u>H.R.5246</u>, National Agricultural Crisis Hotline Act of 2023: To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to reauthorize the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network and establish a national agricultural crisis hotline, and for other purposes.

<u>H.R.4603</u>, <u>Rural Wellness Act:</u> To provide for the prioritization of projects that provide behavioral and mental health treatment services in selecting grantees under certain rural development programs and extend the substance abuse disorder set-aside and priority under the programs.

Carbajal, Salud O. (D-CA)

<u>H.R.6023</u>, <u>Veteran Restitution and Justice Act:</u> To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the retroactive payment of benefits for veterans with covered mental health conditions based on military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

H.R.768, Extreme Risk Protection Order Expansion Act of 2023: This bill establishes grants to support the implementation of extreme risk protection order laws at the state and local levels, extends federal firearms restrictions to individuals who are subject to extreme risk protection orders, and expands related data collection. Extreme risk protection order laws, or red flag laws, generally allow certain individuals (e.g., law enforcement officers or family members) to petition a court for a temporary order that prohibits an at-risk individual from purchasing and possessing firearms. Among its provisions, the bill directs the Department of Justice to establish a grant program to help states, local governments, Indian tribes, and other entities implement extreme risk protection order laws; extends federal restrictions on the receipt, possession, shipment, and transportation of firearms and ammunition to individuals who are subject to extreme risk protection orders; and requires the Federal Bureau of Investigation to compile records from federal, tribal, and state courts and other agencies that identify individuals who are subject to extreme risk protection orders.

Cárdenas, Tony (D-CA) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.4975</u>, <u>Eliminating Debtor's Prison for Kids Act of 2023</u>: To establish a grant to provide mental and behavioral health services and diversion programs to at-risk youth, and for other purposes.

H.R.4974, Local 9-8-8 Response Act of 2023: To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to improve the accessibility of 9–8–8, and for other purposes.

<u>H.R.4851, 9-8-8 Implementation Act of 2023:</u> To provide for improvements in the implementation of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, and for other purposes.

Carl, Jerry L. (R-AL)

H.Res.732, Expressing support for the designation of September 30, 2023, through October 7, 2023 as "National Student Athlete Mental Health Week": This resolution supports the goals of Mental Illness Awareness Week and supports the designation of a National Student Athlete Mental Health Week.

Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" (R-GA) – Mental Health Caucus Member

***H.Res.1251, Honoring Rosalynn Smith Carter's legacy in mental health advocacy.

Carter, Troy (D-LA) - Mental Health Caucus Member

H.R.3760, To amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to strengthen the mental health workforce, and for other purposes.

Castor, Kathy (D-FL) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.3761</u>, <u>ASSIST Act</u>: To amend the Social Security Act to provide for an increased Federal medical assistance percentage for State expenditures on certain behavioral health services furnished under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes.

Chu, Judy (D-CA) - Mental Health Caucus Member

H.Res.1217, Supporting the designation of May 10, 2024, as "National Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Mental Health Day".

<u>H.R.7489</u>, <u>Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act:</u> To increase the recruitment and retention of school-based mental health services providers by low-income local educational agencies.

<u>H.R.3680</u>, Stop Mental Health Stigma in Our Communities Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national outreach and education strategy and research to improve the behavioral and mental health of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander population, while addressing stigma within such population against behavioral and mental health treatment.

H.Res.385, Supporting the designation of May 10, 2023, as "National Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Mental Health Day": This resolution supports the designation of National Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Mental Health Day.

Clarke, Katherine M. (D-MA) – Mental Health Caucus Member

***H.R.8524, Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Act: To effectively staff the high-need public elementary schools and secondary schools of the United States with school-based mental health services providers.

Cleaver, Emanuel (D-MO) - Mental Health Caucus Member

H.R.3682, Cady Housh and Gemesha Thomas Student Suicide Prevention Act of 2023: This bill revises certain grants administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that support youth suicide early-intervention and prevention strategies. Specifically, the bill requires SAMHSA to award a portion of the grants for statewide training programs on emotional well-being, mental health, and suicide awareness and prevention for elementary and secondary school students and staff.

Connolly, Gerald E. (D-VA) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.4157</u>, Not Just a Number Act: To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prepare an annual report on suicide prevention, and for other purposes.

Craig, Angie (D-MN) - Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.6663</u>, <u>Kid PROOF Act:</u> To amend the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to authorize the use of certain grants to prevent suicide or overdose by children, adolescents, and young adults, and for other purposes.

Correa, J. Luis (D-CA) - Mental Health Caucus Member

H.R.2802, Improving Mental Health Access for Students Act: This bill requires institutions of higher education (IHEs) that participate in federal student-aid programs to share contact information for suicide prevention resources with students. If IHEs distribute student identification cards, then they must include on the cards

phone numbers for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the Crisis Text Line, and a campus mental-health center or program. If IHEs do not create such cards, then they must publish the numbers on their websites.

Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" (R-AR) - Mental Health Caucus Member

***H.R. 8475, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Brain Health and Suicide Report Act of 2024: To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report on the correlation between service in the Armed Forces conducting explosive ordnance disposal and post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and suicide.

Crockett, Jasmine (D-TX)

H.Res.639, Supporting the goals and ideals of "Minority Mental Health Awareness Month" and recognizing the disproportionate impacts of mental health conditions and struggles on minority populations and communities.

Crow, Jason (D-CO)

H.R.6330, Veterans' Sentinel Act: This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to implement a pilot program establishing a working group in the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention to collect and analyze data regarding on-campus (i.e., on VA property) suicides and on-campus attempted suicides by veterans. The working group is authorized to implement improvements to the process by which the VA collects data related to on-campus suicides to unify the disparate sources of such data. The VA must annually brief Congress regarding the progress and findings of the working group. The bill requires the VA to (1) annually evaluate the statistical trends of suicides and attempted suicides by veterans that occur on VA property, and (2) determine recommendations for preventing such suicides and attempted suicides. Finally, the bill requires the Government Accountability Office to submit a report on (1) the actions the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention has taken to meet the priority objective of the VA with respect to preventing veteran suicide, (2) the challenges the office has faced in making such actions, and (3) recommendations for improvements.

Dean, Madeleine (D-PA)

H.R.1620, MORE Savings Act: This bill modifies coverage of opioid treatments and recovery support services under Medicare, Medicaid, and private health insurance. Specifically, it requires the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test a model in which specified opioid treatments and recovery support services are provided under Medicare without cost-sharing (e.g., coinsurance, copayments, and deductibles). The bill also allows state Medicaid programs to cover recovery support services as part of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and increases the applicable Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for MAT. Additionally, beginning in 2025, private health insurers must cover specified opioid treatments and MAT-associated recovery support services without cost-sharing.

H.R.773, Homelessness and Behavioral Health Care Coordination Act of 2023: To help persons in the United States experiencing homelessness and significant behavioral health issues, including substance use disorders, by authorizing a grant program within the Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist State and local governments, Continuums of Care, community-based organizations that administer both health and homelessness services, and providers of services to people experiencing homelessness, better coordinate health care and homelessness services, and for other purposes.

DeLauro, Rosa L. (D-CT)

H.R.7108, Expanding Access to Mental Health Services in Schools Act of 2024: To support States and high-need local educational agencies in increasing the number of mental health services providers in schools.

DeSaulnier, Mark (D-CA) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.6804, Suicide Prevention Assistance Act:</u> This bill requires the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to award grants to primary care offices for self-harm and suicide prevention services, including screenings. SAMHSA must also develop standards of practice for conducting such screenings. Grantees must submit quarterly reports to SAMHSA that include the number of patients screened at the office, among other information.

Dingell, Debbie (D-MI) – Mental Health Caucus Member

H.Res.1089, Recognizing the seriousness of widespread health care worker burnout in the United States and the need to strengthen health workforce well-being, and expressing support for the designation of March 18, 2024, as the inaugural "Health Workforce Well-Being Day of Awareness".

Dunn, Neal P. (R-FL)

<u>H.R.7996</u>, <u>Improving CARE for Youth Act:</u> To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure Medicaid coverage of mental health services and primary care services furnished on the same day.

Emmer, Tom (R-MN) - Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.6922</u>, <u>Securing Facilities for Mental Health Services Act:</u> To amend section 242 of the National Housing Act to provide parity with respect to access to the mortgage insurance for hospitals program for licensed hospitals, and for other purposes.

Espaillat, Adriano (D-NY) – Mental Health Caucus Member

***H.R. 8680, Community Mental Wellness Worker Training Act: To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, to award grants to train community mental wellness workers.

<u>H.Res.640</u>, Addressing the national crisis of suicide among minority adolescents: This resolution recognizes the mental health concerns faced by adolescents and the need for adequate mental health resources to address those concerns, particularly among minority populations.

Fallon, Pat (R-TX)

<u>H.R.3811</u>, <u>Veterans Mental and Behavioral Health Quality of Care Act:</u> This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to use an independent and objective outside organization to study the difference in the quality of care between behavioral and mental health care provided by VA providers and care provided by non-VA providers.

Feenstra, Randy (R-IA)

<u>H.R.6379</u>, Farmers First Act of 2023: This bill extends through FY2028 and revises the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN). This program provides competitive grants to states, Indian tribes, and qualified nonprofit organizations to provide stress assistance programs (i.e., professional agricultural behavioral health counseling, helplines, and resources) to individuals engaged in farming, ranching, and agriculture-related occupations.

Fitzpatrick, Brian K. (R-PA) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.5752</u>, Opening Plans to Individuals and Offering New Services for Mental Health Act of 2023: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow first-dollar coverage of mental health services for purposes of health savings accounts.

<u>H.R.3228</u>, <u>Mental Health in Schools Excellence Program Act of 2023</u>: To establish the Mental Health in Schools Excellence Program to increase the recruitment and retention of school-based mental health services providers, and for other purposes.

Foster, Bill (D-IL) - Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.3412</u>, <u>Expanding Opportunities for Recovery Act of 2023</u>: To authorize the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, acting through the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, to award grants to States to expand access to clinically appropriate services for opioid abuse, dependence, or addiction.

Garbarino, Andrew (R-NY)

H.Res.899, Recognizing the Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Flag: This resolution officially recognizes the Suicide Awareness and Remembrance flag and designates the flag as the symbol of awareness of military and veteran suicide and the commitment to resolve military and veteran suicide. The resolution also remembers and honors the servicemembers and veterans who have died by suicide and commits to posting the flag above all federal buildings wherever there is an American flag and POW/MIA flag.

<u>H.R.5633</u>, <u>Veteran Suicide Prevention Act:</u> This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to complete a review of the deaths of all covered veterans who died by suicide during the five-year period preceding the enactment of this bill. Covered veterans are those who received VA hospital care or medical services during the five-year period preceding the death of the veteran. The VA shall report on the results of the review and make such report publicly available.

Gonzales, Tony (R-TX)

<u>H.R.4830</u>, <u>ATTAIN Mental Health Act:</u> To establish an interactive online dashboard to improve public access to information about grant funding related to mental health and substance use disorder programs.

Green, Mark E. (R-TN)

<u>H.R.4710, POST FAST Act of 2023:</u> To require the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to accelerate the collection and publication of data on suicide and drug overdoses.

Guthrie, Brett (R-KY)

H.R.1502, Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Reauthorization Act of 2023: This bill reauthorizes through FY2028 and modifies competitive grants for comprehensive opioid recovery centers. These centers provide a full continuum of treatment and recovery services to individuals with substance use disorders. In particular, the bill permits applicants for the grants to demonstrate their capacity to provide the required treatment and recovery services through a letter of intent from a partner agency. A partner agency is a nongovernmental organization or other public or private entity (1) that primarily delivers mental health or substance use disorder treatment services, and (2) that the applicant coordinates with to provide the services required by the grant.

Harder, Josh (D-CA)

<u>H.R.5637, Supporting Farmworker Mental Health Act:</u> To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to authorize the use of certain grants to deliver peer-to-peer mental health support to individuals who are engaged in farming, ranching, farm work, and other occupations relating to agriculture.

<u>H.R.4911</u>, Supporting the Health and Safety of Law Enforcement Act of 2023: To provide for the establishment of a pilot program to provide grants to community mental health centers for the placement of social workers with law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

<u>H.R.3055</u>, Improving Mental Health in Schools Act: This bill includes certain mental health professionals as specialized instructional support personnel for purposes of elementary and secondary education. Specifically, the bill revises the definition of specialized instructional support personnel in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include qualified mental health professionals involved in providing mental health services for students. These professionals include, among others, marriage and family therapists, licensed clinical social workers, and clinical psychologists.

Hern, Kevin (R-OK)

H.R.8227, To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove in-person requirements under Medicare for mental health services furnished through telehealth and telecommunications technology.

Houlahan, Chrissy (D-PA)

***H.R. 8633, Stop Copay Overpay Act: To amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to limit copayments for outpatient visits for mental health or behavioral health under the TRICARE program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7087, Maintaining our Obligation to Moms who Serve Act: This bill requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to establish a pilot program within military medical treatment facilities to assess the feasibility and impact of providing evidence-based prevention programs for perinatal mental health conditions to pregnant and postpartum members of the Armed Forces and beneficiaries. DOD must (1) establish an advisory committee to assist in the implementation of the pilot program, and (2) study the effectiveness of the pilot program in preventing or reducing the onset of symptoms of perinatal mental health conditions.

Hudson, Richard (R-NC)

H.R.5901, Targeting Emotional and Mental Stability Act of 2023: To amend the Public Health Service Act to encourage programs to address college athlete mental health.

Jackson Lee, Sheila (D-TX) - Mental Health Caucus Member

H.R.238, Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Act of 2023: This bill revises and reauthorizes through FY2027 grants for residential substance use disorder treatment programs at state and local correctional and detention facilities. Among the revisions, the bill replaces statutory references to substance abuse with substance use disorder, specifies that the term residential substance use disorder treatment program includes a medication-assisted treatment program, requires the chief medical officer or other staff overseeing a program to complete training on the science of addiction and the latest research and clinical guidance on treating substance use disorders in criminal justice settings, and allows people who are awaiting trial or in pretrial detention to participate in the programs.

H.R.236, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate a week as "Battle Buddy Check Week" for the purpose of outreach and education concerning peer wellness checks for veterans, and for other purposes: This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to designate one week per year as Battle Buddy Check Week for the purposes of organizing outreach events and educating veterans on how to conduct peer wellness checks. The VA shall ensure that the Veterans Crisis Line has a plan for handling the potential increase in calls that may occur during such week.

<u>H.R.46, Mental Health Access and Gun Violence Prevention Act of 2023:</u> This bill authorizes FY2024 appropriations for the Department of Justice, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Social

Security Administration to (1) increase access to mental health care treatment and services, and (2) promote reporting of mental health information to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. (This system is used to query federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial criminal history record information and other records to determine an individual's eligibility to receive, transfer, or possess firearms.)

James, John (R-MI)

<u>H.R.7858</u>, <u>TELEMH Act of 2024</u>: To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare incident to modifier for mental health services furnished through telehealth.

Joyce, David P. (R-OH)

<u>H.Res.740, Expressing support for the designation of September 30, 2023, as "National Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day":</u> This resolution supports the designation of National Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day

<u>H.R.3009</u>, <u>Military Suicide Prevention in the 21st Century Act:</u> This bill requires the Department of Defense to carry out a two-year pilot program to program suicide prevention resources onto smart devices issued to members of the Armed Forces and to provide training on these resources.

<u>H.R.472</u>, Fighting Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Act of 2023: This bill requires the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services within the Department of Justice to report on one or more proposed programs to make treatment or preventative care available to public safety officers and public safety telecommunicators for job-related post-traumatic stress disorder or acute stress disorder. The report must also include draft legislative language related to each proposed program, as well as the estimated cost for administering each proposed program.

Kaptur, Marcy (D-OH) - Mental Health Caucus Member

H.R.3501, Law Enforcement Training for Mental Health Crisis Response Act of 2023: To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize a grant program for law enforcement agencies and corrections agencies to obtain behavioral health crisis response training for law enforcement officers and corrections officers, and for other purposes.

Kean, Thomas H. (R-NJ) - Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.3771</u>, <u>Health Minds for a Better Future Act:</u> To establish a multiagency Middle School Mental Health Task Force at the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Kelly, Robin L. (D-IL)

<u>H.R.2763</u>, <u>PROTECT 911 Act:</u> To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to improve the detection, prevention, and treatment of mental health issues among public safety telecommunicators.

Kiggans, Jennifer A. (D-VA) - Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.3581, COPE Act:</u> This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to award grants to implement, coordinate, improve, or enhance mental health counseling, treatment, or support for family caregivers of veterans participating in the family caregiver program. Additionally, the Government Accountability Office must report on the provision of mental health support to caregivers of veterans.

<u>H.R.3373</u>, <u>Sailor Standard of Care Act of 2023</u>: To direct the Secretary of the Navy to take certain actions relating to improved mental health care, and for other purposes.

Kilmer, Derek (D-WA) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.5804, Mental Health Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2023:</u> To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make loans and loan guarantees for planning, constructing, or renovating pediatric or adult mental health treatment facilities and pediatric or adult substance use disorder treatment facilities, and for other purposes.

H.R.3011, To establish a task force of the Department of Defense on mental health: This bill requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to establish a task force to examine matters relating to the mental health of members of the Armed Forces. The task force must submit a report to DOD that includes recommendations related to the mental health services provided to members of the Armed Forces. DOD must develop a plan based on the recommendations of the task force.

Kim, Young (R-CA)

H.Res.1193: Recognizing Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week to raise awareness about maternal mental health and its effects on maternal-child health.

Kuster, Ann M. (D-NH) - Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.6675</u>, Rehabilitation and Recovery During Incarceration Act: To amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide mental health and substance use services to incarcerated individuals, and for other purposes.

LaLota, Nick (R-NY)

<u>H.R.2768, PCF Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program Act:</u> To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to State and local entities to carry out peer-to-peer mental health programs.

Lee, Barbara (D-CA) - Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.6091, Student Support Act:</u> To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to States for assistance in hiring additional school-based mental health and student service providers.

<u>H.R.1638, Improving Access to Mental Health Act of 2023:</u> This bill increases the Medicare reimbursement rate for clinical social worker services. The bill excludes clinical social worker services from the prospective payment system in which predetermined amounts form the basis for payment under Medicare. Additionally, the bill alters the definition of clinical social worker services as it relates to Medicare. Under current law, such services (1) include services performed for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses, and (2) exclude services furnished to an inpatient of a skilled nursing facility as a condition of the facility's participation in the Medicare program. The bill repeals these provisions and instead specifies that such services include certain types of health behavior assessment and intervention.

Lee, Susie (D-NV) - Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.1639</u>, VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project Act of 2023: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Zero Suicide Initiative pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Malliotakis, Nicole (R-NY)

***H.R.8458, Increasing Mental Health Options Act of 2024: This bill provides for an additional payment for clinical psychologists under Medicare who provide services in designated health professional shortage areas. It

also allows clinical psychologists to provide behavioral health services (in accordance with state law) for purposes of hospitalization services, home health services, and other services under Medicare.

Manning, Kathy E. (D-NC)

<u>H.R.4585</u>, <u>Advancing Maternal Health Equity Under Medicaid Act:</u> This bill provides a 90% federal matching rate for Medicaid maternal health care expenditures that exceed 2019 levels. Qualifying services must be provided by maternity care providers or perinatal health workers (e.g., doulas) and include prenatal and postpartum telehealth services, home visits, and behavioral health care.

<u>H.R.3331</u>, <u>Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act:</u> To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to modify requirements for local school wellness policies.

Matsui, Doris O. (D-CA) – Mental Health Caucus Member

***H.R. 8543, Ensuring Excellence in Mental Health Act: To amend the Social Security Act and the Public Health Service Act to permanently authorize certified community behavioral health clinics, and for other purposes.

H.R.7545, To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include certified community behavioral health clinic services as a State plan option under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes: This bill allows state Medicaid programs to cover certified community behavioral health services, including crisis services, outpatient mental health and substance use services, peer support, and screenings.

<u>H.R.5116</u>, <u>Behavioral Health Information Technology Coordination Act:</u> To amend the Public Health Service Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes

<u>H.R.3432</u>, <u>Telemental Health Care Access Act of 2023</u>: This bill eliminates certain restrictions relating to Medicare coverage of mental health services that are provided through telehealth. Current law allows for coverage of such services regardless of the geographic location of the originating site (i.e., the location of the beneficiary) after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency, as long as the beneficiary previously received in-person services and continues to receive in-person services at specified intervals. The bill eliminates these in-person requirements.

Meng, Grace (D-NY)

<u>H.R.3189</u>, <u>Mental Health Workforce and Language Access Act of 2023</u>: To increase language access to behavioral health services at eligible health centers, and for other purposes.

Moore, Gwen (D-WI)

<u>H.R.8390</u>, <u>Mental Health and MAMA Act of 2024:</u> To amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance that provide coverage for mental health services and substance use disorder services provide such services without the imposition of cost-sharing from the diagnosis of pregnancy through the 1-year period following such pregnancy, and for other purposes.

Moulton, Seth (D-MA) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.3648, CALL Act of 2023:</u> To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit people from intentionally impeding the 9–8–8 suicide and crisis lifeline telephone number, and for other purposes.

H.Res.434, Declaring a mental health crisis among youth in the United States, and expressing the pressing need for historic investments in mental health care for students.

Molinaro, Marcus J. (R-NY)

<u>H.R.6763, 988 Lifeline Location Improvement Act of 2023:</u> To establish a multi-stakeholder advisory committee tasked with providing detailed recommendations to address challenges to transmitting geolocation information with calls to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and for other purposes. The VA shall report on the results of the review and make such report publicly available.

Murphy, Gregory (R-NC)

<u>H.R.6353</u>, <u>Veterans HOPE Act</u>: This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to complete a review of the deaths of all covered veterans who died from opioid overdoses during the five-year period preceding the enactment of this bill. Covered veterans are those who received VA hospital care or medical services during the five-year period preceding the death of the veteran.

Napolitano, Grace F. (D-CA) - Mental Health Caucus Co-Chair

<u>H.R.8444</u>, <u>Mental Health in Schools Act:</u> To amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, to establish grant programs to promote mental health in schools, and for other purposes.

H.Res.1206, Expressing support for the designation of May 2024 as "Mental Health Awareness Month".

<u>H.R.4954</u>, <u>Immigrants' Mental Health Act of 2023</u>: To expand and improve access to trauma-informed mental health interventions for newly arriving immigrants at the border, to alleviate the stress of and provide education for border agents, and for other purposes.

<u>H.R.4933</u>, <u>Mental Health Professionals Workforce Shortage Loan Repayment Act of 2023:</u> To amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the loan repayment program for the substance use disorder treatment workforce to relieve workforce shortages.

<u>H.R.4884</u>, <u>Mental Health for Latinos Act of 2023</u>: To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a behavioral and mental health outreach and education strategy to reduce stigma associated with mental health among the Hispanic and Latino population, and for other purposes.

<u>H.R.3713</u>, <u>Mental Health Services for Students Act of 2023</u>: To amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

<u>H.Res.372</u>, Expressing support for the designation of May 2023 as "Mental Health Awareness Month": This resolution declares mental health a national priority and supports the designation of Mental Health Awareness Month

<u>H.R.1201, Increasing Behavioral Health Treatment Act:</u> This bill repeals restrictions that generally prohibit federal payment under Medicaid for services provided in institutions for mental diseases (IMDs) for individuals under the age of 65. (Currently, states may receive payment for such services through certain mechanisms, such as through a Medicaid demonstration waiver.) The bill also requires state Medicaid programs that cover IMD services to improve patient access to outpatient and community-based behavioral health care, expand crisis stabilization services, facilitate care coordination between providers and first responders, and report specified information relating to IMD utilization and costs.

Neguse, Joe (D-CO)

<u>H.R.7619</u>, Expand the Behavioral Health Workforce Now Act: This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to issue guidance for states on ways to increase education, training, recruitment, and retention of mental health and substance use disorder providers under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), particularly in rural and underserved areas.

<u>H.R.2438, C.A.R.E.</u> for Mental Health Professionals Act: This bill establishes a grant program to promote interstate licensure compacts for mental health professionals. These are licensure agreements enacted by two or more states to mutually recognize the licenses of counselors, psychiatrists, psychologists, or pediatric mental health professionals. The Health Resources and Services Administration must award grants to interstate compact commissions or professional licensing boards. Recipients may use grants for projects to (1) incentivize mental health professionals to practice in states with interstate licensure compacts, and (2) develop or maintain interstate compact commissions.

Nehls, Troy E. (R-TX)

<u>H.R.3919</u>, <u>Asylum Claims Improvement Act of 2023:</u> To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to limit the ability to take into account the mental health of an applicant for asylum.

Norcross, Donald (D-NJ) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.3752</u>, <u>Parity Enforcement Act of 2023</u>: This bill provides authority for the Department of Labor to enforce the parity requirements for group health plans with respect to the coverage of mental health and substance use disorder benefits.

H.R.1359, Modernizing Opioid Treatment Access Act: This bill expands access to methadone for an individual's unsupervised use to treat opioid use disorder (OUD). (Typically, methadone must be dispensed to individuals in person through opioid treatment programs.) The bill (1) waives provisions of the Controlled Substances Act that require qualified practitioners to obtain a separate registration from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to prescribe and dispense methadone to treat OUD, and (2) requires the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the DEA to jointly report on the waiver. Additionally, the bill directs the DEA to register certain practitioners to prescribe methadone that is dispensed through a pharmacy for an individual's unsupervised use. Qualified practitioners must be licensed or authorized to prescribe controlled substances, and they must either work for an opioid treatment program or be a physician or psychiatrist with a specialty certification in addiction medicine. A state may request that the DEA stop registering such practitioners in its jurisdiction. Individuals who receive methadone for unsupervised use must continue to have access to other care through an opioid treatment program. For purposes of the waiver, the bill also requires the exclusive use of electronic prescribing, establishes prescription limits, and sets out requirements for informed consent. Further, the bill permits the use of telehealth to provide methadone treatment and related services if the state and the Department of Health and Human Services jointly determine the use is feasible and appropriate.

Nunn, Zachary (R-IA)

<u>H.R.5413</u>, <u>Prevent Youth Suicide Act:</u> To require the Secretary of Education to issue a rule requiring schools to implement protocols for suicide prevention, postvention, and trauma-informed care.

H.R.3722, Daniel J. Harvey, Jr. and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transition to Reduce Veteran Suicide Act: This bill requires the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs to jointly carry out a five-year pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of providing certain services and a module comprised of specified elements as part of the pre-separation transition process for members of the Armed Forces for the purpose of reducing the incidence of suicide among veterans.

Obernolte, Jay (R-CA)

H.R.498, 9-8-8 Lifeline Cybersecurity Responsibility Act: This bill requires the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to undertake efforts to protect the 9-8-8 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline from cybersecurity threats. (The lifeline is a three-digit number that connects callers in suicidal crisis or mental health distress to a national network of crisis centers.) The bill also expands related reporting requirements. Specifically, the network administrator for the lifeline must report identified cybersecurity incidents and vulnerabilities to SAMHSA, and local and regional crisis centers that participate in the lifeline must report identified cybersecurity incidents and vulnerabilities to the administrator. Additionally, the Government Accountability Office must conduct a study that evaluates cybersecurity risks and vulnerabilities associated with the lifeline and report the findings to Congress.

Pettersen, Brittany (D-CO)

<u>H.R.8137</u>, <u>Patient Access to End of Life Care Act:</u> To provide for an exception to the restrictions described in the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997 with respect to certain States.

<u>H.R.3872</u>, School Safety Drill Research Act of 2023: To require the Secretary of Education to enter into an agreement with the National Academies to conduct a study on the possible mental health effects of a lockdown drill or active shooter drill in elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

Pfluger, August (R-TX)

<u>H.R.7808, EARLY Minds Act:</u> To amend title XIX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for prevention and early intervention services under the Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services program, and for other purposes.

Pocan, Mark (D-WI)

<u>H.R.3111</u>, <u>Words Matter Act of 2023</u>: This bill removes outdated terminology in specified statutes by replacing references to mentally retarded and mental retardation with intellectual disability.

Porter, Katie (D-CA) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.6451</u>, <u>Mental Health Justice Act of 2023:</u> To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to States, Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and political subdivisions thereof to hire, employ, train, and dispatch mental health professionals to respond in lieu of law enforcement officers in emergencies involving one or more persons with a mental illness or an intellectual or developmental disability, and for other purposes.

<u>H.R.3726</u>, Student Mental Health Rights Act: To direct the Secretary of Education to study student mental health at institutions of higher education and to issue guidance on compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 for mental health and substance use disorder policies of institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

Reschenthaler, Guy (R-PA) - Mental Health Caucus Member

H.R.6873, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include information relating to the rate of suicide among covered Reserves in each National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report of the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. (R-MT)

<u>H.R.635</u>, <u>Expanding Access to Mental Health Services Act:</u> This bill permanently allows for Medicare coverage of certain mental health services that are provided through telehealth, including audio-only services for certain

categories of services (e.g., screenings and evaluations) in accordance with standards set by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Ruiz, Raul (D-CA)

H.R.5414, Improving Mental Health Access from the Emergency Department Act of 2023: This bill authorizes a grant program for emergency departments to increase access to follow-up psychiatric services for individuals who present for care of acute mental-health episodes. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration may award these grants.

Ryan, Pat (D-NY)

<u>H.R.5811</u>, <u>Public Safety and Community Support Act:</u> To use Byrne JAG funds for deflection and diversion programs, and for other purposes.

Sanchez, Linda T. (D-CA) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.2692</u>, <u>Addressing SILO Act of 2023</u>: This bill provides funding through FY2027 for grants to prevent and address social isolation or loneliness among older adults and individuals with disabilities through education, outreach, and interventions. The Department of Health and Human Services must award these grants to area agencies on aging and community-based organizations.

Salinas, Andrea (D-OR) - Mental Health Caucus Co-Chair

<u>H.R.7212</u>, <u>PEER Support Act:</u> To address the behavioral health workforce shortages through support for peer support specialists, and for other purposes.

<u>H.R.7069</u>, <u>Peer Support for Firefighters Act:</u> To amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to expand permissible uses of assistance to firefighters grant funds relating to behavioral and mental health, and for other purposes.

<u>H.R.6982</u>, <u>Gambling Addiction</u>, <u>Recovery, Investment, and Treatment Act:</u> To authorize the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use to award formula grants to the States to address gambling addiction, and for other purposes.

<u>H.R.6534</u>, Home-based Telemental Health Act of 2023: This bill establishes a grant program to fund demonstration projects to provide in-home mental health and substance use services to medically underserved individuals in rural areas or in the farming, fishing, and forestry industries. Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must award grants to public or nonprofit telemental health provider networks to deliver, and evaluate the impact of, home-based telemental health and substance use services for such individuals. HHS must consult with the Rural Health Liaison of the Department of Agriculture on the grants.

<u>H.R.5510</u>, <u>HOPE</u> and <u>Mental Wellbeing Act of 2023</u>: To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require coverage of 3 primary care visits without cost sharing each year under the Medicare program.

Schiff, Adam B. (D-CA) - Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.4941, Providing Access to Treatment and Housing Act of 2023:</u> To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to establish within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration a Center for Unhoused Individuals, and for other purposes.

Self, Keith (R-TX)

H.Res.674, Expressing support for the designation of September 22 as "National Military and Veterans Suicide Awareness Day": This resolution supports the designation of a National Military and Veterans Suicide Awareness Day.

Sherrill, Mikie (D-NJ) - Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.8397</u>, Improving Mental Healthcare in the Re-Entry System Act of 2024: To provide funding to the Bureau of Prisons, States, and localities to carry out mental health screenings and provide referrals to mental healthcare providers for individuals in prison or jail.

<u>H.R.733</u>, <u>Vet CENTERS for Mental Health Act of 2023</u>: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve mental health care for veterans through the establishment of a minimum requirement for the number of Vet Centers per State.

Slotkin, Elissa (D-MI)

<u>H.R.3267, COMFORT Act:</u> This bill authorizes mental health professionals to provide nonmedical counseling services to military families regardless of where the provider or recipient is located, so long as the provision of services is (1) in the United States or a U.S. territory or possession, and (2) within the scope of the authorized duties of the provider. For purposes of the bill, mental health professionals include individuals who are licensed or certified mental health providers and are members of the Armed Forces, civilian Department of Defense (DOD) employees, or DOD contractors.

Smith, Adam (D-WA) - Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.2977</u>, <u>Behavioral Health Crisis Care Centers Act of 2023</u>: To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants for the purpose of establishing, operating, or expanding one-stop crisis facilities, and for other purposes.

H.R.1423, 911 Community Crisis Responders Act of 2023: This bill authorizes grants to dispatch unarmed, specialized health care or social service providers to respond to nonviolent emergency calls instead of law enforcement officers. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration may award grants to states, tribal governments (and consortia of tribal governments), and localities. Recipients may use the grants for hiring and training necessary staff, working with 9-1-1 dispatchers and 9-8-8 call centers to appropriately dispatch services in response to nonviolent emergency calls, and connecting individuals with local health and social service providers. (The 9-8-8 system provides callers with mental health or suicide crisis support and resources.)

Spanberger, Abigail Davis (D-VA)

H.R.1689, Connecting Students with Mental Health Services Act: This bill requires the Department of Education (in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services) to carry out a grant program for eligible entities to support the mental and behavioral health of elementary and secondary school students. An eligible entity is a partnership between (1) a local educational agency or a consortium of such agencies, and (2) a community health care provider or an educational service agency.

Stevens, Haley M. (D-MI)

H.Res.690, Supporting the designation of September 17, 2023, as "National Physician Suicide Awareness Day" to raise awareness of, and promote a national discussion about, physician suicide and to reduce the stigma of mental health issues: This resolution expresses support for the goals of National Physician Suicide Awareness Day.

Steel, Michelle (R-CA)

***H.R. 8643, Foster Youth Mental Health Support Act: To amend subpart 1 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to strengthen State plan requirements to include comprehensive mental health and well-being for children and youth in foster care to ensure their thriving and success.

H.R.7863, To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance on furnishing behavioral health services via telehealth to individuals with limited English proficiency under Medicare program.

H.R.5819, Connecting Our Medical Providers with Links to Expand Tailored and Effective Care Act: To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide incentives for behavioral health integration under the Medicare program.

Steil, Bryan (R-WI)

<u>H.R.3164</u>, <u>Protecting Young Minds Online Act:</u> To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Center for Mental Health Services to develop and disseminate a strategy to address the effects of new technologies on children's mental health.

Sykes, Emilia Strong (D-OH)

<u>H.R.4097</u>, <u>Mental Health Improvement Act:</u> To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize mental and behavioral health education and training grants:

Thanedar, Shri (D-MI)

H.Res.1242, Prioritizing mental health to the same degree as physical health to address the epidemics of suicide and drug overdose in the United States.

Thompson, Bennie G. (D-MS)

H.R.2577, DHS Suicide Prevention And Resiliency for Law Enforcement Act: To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Program, and for other purposes.

Thompson, Mike (D-CA) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.5821</u>, <u>Mental Health Research Accelerator Act of 2023</u>: This bill allows a tax credit through 2033 for 25% of expenses for translational research regarding neurodegenerative diseases and psychiatric conditions. The credit amount is subject to limitations, including an aggregate national limitation of \$1 billion in 2024, \$2 billion in 2025-2028, and \$1 billion in 2029.

H.Res.259: Promoting youth mental health and well-being in a changing climate: This resolution expresses the House of Representative's resolve to take effective action on climate change to protect the mental health and well-being of current and future youth. It also supports the expansion of funding for climate education, resilience, and climate adaptation projects that benefit their mental health and well-being.

Tokuda, Jill N. (D-HI) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.6415</u>, <u>CARE for First Responders Act:</u> To increase access to mental health, substance use, and counseling services for first responders, and for other purposes.

Tonko, Paul (D-NY) – Mental Health Caucus Member

H.R.4946, Medicare Mental Health Inpatient Equity Act of 2023: To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 190-day lifetime limit on inpatient psychiatric hospital services under the Medicare Program.

H.R.4892, Medicaid Bump Act: This bill increases the Medicaid federal matching rate, also known as the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), for behavioral health expenses that exceed prior levels (i.e., as of March 31, 2019). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must specify which services are eligible for the increased FMAP. States must use funds to supplement state funding for programs in effect as of April 1, 2021, and to increase the capacity, efficiency, and quality of services.

<u>H.R.3073</u>, Community Mental Wellness and Resilience Act of 2023: To amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to promote mental wellness and resilience and prevent and heal mental health, behavioral health, and psychosocial conditions through developmentally and culturally appropriate community programs, and award grants for the purpose of establishing, operating, or expanding community-based mental wellness and resilience programs, and for other purposes.

<u>H.R.2400</u>, Reentry Act of 2023: This bill allows for Medicaid payment of medical services furnished to an incarcerated individual during the 30-day period preceding the individual's release. The Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Payment and Access Commission must report on specified information relating to the accessibility and quality of health care for incarcerated individuals, including the impact of the bill's changes.

Torres, Ritchie (D-NY) - Mental Health Caucus Member

H.R.7301, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion Act of 2024: To amend the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 to clarify the meaning of psychiatric rehabilitation services under demonstration programs to improve community mental health services, and for other purposes.

Trone, David J. (D-MD) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.6928, CONNECT Act of 2024:</u> This bill requires the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to award grants to certain crisis centers for providing follow-up care to individuals who receive suicide prevention and crisis intervention services.

H.R.5418, Honoring National Recovery Month Act: This bill provides statutory authority for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to develop communication materials, distribute best practices, and carry out other activities in recognition of National Recovery Month. SAMHSA may undertake these activities or enter into an agreement with a national organization to do so. National Recovery Month is an annual observance to celebrate individuals who are in recovery from a substance use disorder or mental illness, educate the public, and combat stigma.

<u>H.R.3451</u>, <u>Higher Education Mental Health Act of 2023:</u> To authorize the Secretary of Education to establish an Advisory Commission on Serving and Supporting Students with Mental Health Disabilities in Institutions of Higher Education, and for other purposes.

<u>H.Res.436, Expressing support for the designation of the week of May 22 through 26, 2023, as "Educator Mental Health Awareness Week":</u> This resolution supports the designation of Educator Mental Health Awareness Week.

Underwood, Lauren (D-IL)

***H.R. 9133, To amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require group health plans and health insurance

issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to provide for 3 primary care visits and 3 behavioral health care visits without application of any cost-sharing requirement.

***H.R. 9093, To prioritize healthcare facilities and mental or behavioral health facilities in the Community Facilities program for fiscal years 2025 through 2031, and allow loans and grants under the program to be used for medical supplies, increasing telehealth capabilities, supporting staffing needs, or renovating and remodeling closed facilities.

<u>H.R.8418, Lethal Means Safety Training Act:</u> To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update the Lethal Means Safety and Suicide Prevention training course of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R.7265, Child Suicide Prevention and Lethal Means Safety Act: This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish grant programs and set up a website to reduce suicide rates among youth and young adults (those under age 26), including by addressing the use of firearms in suicides and suicide attempts. Specifically, HHS must award grants to states, Indian tribes, health departments, hospitals, or other organizations to train health care providers on lethal means safety (e.g., safe storage of firearms), relevant laws concerning the use and possession of firearms, and other suicide prevention and intervention strategies for youth and young adults. Grantees may use a portion of funds to make secure gun storage or safety devices available to residences with an individual under age 26 who is at risk of suicide. In addition, HHS must award grants to health professional schools to integrate content into their curricula and continuing education programs about suicide prevention strategies and interventions to reduce suicide rates among youth and young adults. The bill also requires HHS to develop and maintain a website that contains information for individuals under age 26, their families, health care providers, and health professional schools concerning suicide prevention and the use of firearms in suicide attempts.

Valadao, David (R-CA)

H.R.4091, To amend the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to expand required reports on T-MSIS substance use disorder data to include mental health condition data.

Van Drew, Jefferson (R-NJ)

<u>H.R.3077</u>, <u>Green Star Families Act:</u> To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a counseling program for certain survivor of veterans deceased as the result of suicide.

<u>H.R.3076</u>, Andrew Thomas McCaffrey Green Star Veterans Service Act: This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to design and designate the Green Star Service Flag to identify next of kin of veterans who died of suicide on or after September 11, 2001. An individual who is next of kin of such a veteran may display the flag.

Van Orden, Derrick (R-WI) – Mental Health Caucus Member

H.Res.848, Encouraging the connecting of members of the Armed Forces in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield: This resolution encourages all individuals in the United States to engage with veterans and members of the Armed Forces to connect them with support.

Watson Coleman, Bonnie (D-NJ) – Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.5976, Youth Mental Health Research Act:</u> To establish a Youth Mental Health Research Initiative in the National Institutes of Health for purposes of encouraging collaborative research to improve youth mental health.

<u>H.R.3548</u>, <u>Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act:</u> To address mental health issues for youth, particularly youth of color, and for other purposes.

Wild, Susan (D-PA) - Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.5740:</u> Enhancing Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Through Campus Planning Act: This bill requires the Department of Education to encourage institutions of higher education to develop and implement evidence-based comprehensive campus mental health and suicide prevention plans.

<u>H.R.1570, MINDS Act:</u> To enhance mental health and psychosocial support within United States development and humanitarian assistance programs.

Wittman, Robert J. (R-VA) - Mental Health Caucus Member

<u>H.R.492</u>, <u>BRAVE Act</u>: This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a patient outreach system under which it must ensure that veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system and have experienced a traumatic or highly stressful event may elect to receive information and resources relating to mental health and available mental health care services. The VA must coordinate the system with the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense.

Yakym, Rudy (R-IN)

H.R.7464, Sergeant Ted Grubbs Mental Healthcare for Disabled Veterans Act: To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for access standards with respect to the provision by the Department of Veterans Affairs of hospital care, medical services, or extended care services that are applicable to certain veterans with mental disorders.

Zinke, Ryan K. (R-MT)

<u>H.R.3554</u>, <u>Protecting Veteran Community Care Act:</u> To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand access to the Veterans Community Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to include certain veterans seeking mental health or substance-use services, and for other purposes.