

Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Reauthorization Act

This bill will prevent burnout among healthcare providers and improve workforce retention by authorizing funding mental health and well-being programs in the healthcare industry, in turn improving outcomes for patients.

Key Legislative Provisions

- This bill reauthorizes the Lorna Breen Healthcare Provider Protection Act for the years 2025-2030.
- This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a grant program to fund programs that seek to improve mental and behavioral health among healthcare providers, remove barriers to access treatment for mental and behavioral health among healthcare providers, as well as to create a campaign to encourage healthcare providers to seek mental health care.

Background

- According to the CDC, in 2022, nearly 46% of healthcare workers reported often feeling work-related burnout.
- According to the NIH, a study found that 24.3% of physicians, 41% of nurses, 32.1% of clinical staff, and 32.6% of non-clinical staff who experienced burnout also intended to leave their jobs.
- A study in JAMA found that there is a significant healthcare crisis among healthcare workers as they have a 32% elevated risk of taking their lives.
- The Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act was passed into law in March 2022.
- The law has since expired and needs reauthorization to continue to provide critical assistance to our healthcare providers.



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