

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5141

To amend the Public Health Service Act to expand the allowable use criteria for new access points grants for community health centers.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 31, 2021

Mrs. LEE of Nevada (for herself, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. RUIZ, and Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Maximizing Outcomes  
5 through Better Investments in Lifesaving Equipment for  
6 (MOBILE) Health Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NEW ACCESS POINTS GRANTS.**

2 Section 330(e)(6)(A) of the Public Health Service  
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(e)(6)(A)) is amended by adding at  
4 the end the following:

5 “(v) MOBILE UNITS.—

6 “(I) IN GENERAL.—A mobile  
7 unit may qualify as a new delivery site  
8 under clause (i), regardless of whether  
9 the applicant additionally proposes to  
10 establish a permanent, full-time site.

11 “(II) DEFINITION OF MOBILE  
12 UNIT.—In this clause, the term ‘mo-  
13 bile unit’—

14 “(aa) means a unit that is  
15 staffed by clinicians working for  
16 or on behalf of a health center to  
17 provide medical or oral health  
18 services at one or more loca-  
19 tions—

20 “(AA) to a target popu-  
21 lation specified in the appli-  
22 cation for a grant under  
23 subparagraph (A) or (B) of  
24 paragraph (1); and

1 “(BB) for a total of not  
2 less than 40 hours per week;  
3 and

4 “(bb) may include a geo-  
5 graphic rotation so long as access  
6 to medical or oral health services  
7 through such unit for such target  
8 population is available not less  
9 than 2 times per month for each  
10 geographic location.

11 “(vi) COSTS FOR RENOVATION AND  
12 NEW CONSTRUCTION.—The costs for which  
13 a grant described in clause (i) is made may  
14 include costs associated with—

15 “(I) acquiring, leasing, expand-  
16 ing, or renovating an existing building  
17 for providing health services to medi-  
18 cally underserved populations;

19 “(II) constructing a new building  
20 for such purposes; or

21 “(III) acquiring, leasing, expand-  
22 ing, or renovating mobile medical  
23 equipment or vehicles to establish a  
24 new delivery site for such purposes.

1           “(vii) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT  
2 TO REAL PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT, AND  
3 OTHER CAPITAL ASSETS.—

4           “(I) REAL PROPERTY.—A recipi-  
5 ent of a grant described in clause (i)  
6 shall use any real property con-  
7 structed, purchased, or significantly  
8 improved with funds awarded through  
9 such grant for the purposes for which  
10 the property was so constructed, pur-  
11 chased, or significantly improved for a  
12 period of 12 years. At the conclusion  
13 of such period, any Federal interest  
14 under this paragraph in such property  
15 shall expire.

16           “(II) EQUIPMENT AND OTHER  
17 CAPITAL ASSETS.—A recipient of a  
18 grant described in clause (i) shall use  
19 any equipment or asset, other than  
20 real property, acquired with funds  
21 awarded through such grant for the  
22 purposes for which the equipment or  
23 asset was so acquired for a period  
24 that is the lesser of the remaining  
25 useful life of the equipment or asset

1 or 6 years. At the conclusion of such  
2 period, any Federal interest under  
3 this paragraph in such equipment or  
4 asset shall expire.”.

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