

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 398

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## AN ACT

To provide for the development and dissemination of evidence-based best practices for health care professionals to recognize victims of a severe form of trafficking and respond to such individuals appropriately, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Trafficking Awareness  
3 Training for Health Care Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEVELOPMENT OF BEST PRACTICES.**

5 (a) GRANT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BEST PRAC-  
6 TICES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
7 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services,  
8 acting through the Director of the Agency for Healthcare  
9 Research and Quality and in consultation with the Admin-  
10 istrator of the Health Resources and Services Administra-  
11 tion, shall award, on a competitive basis, a grant to an  
12 eligible school under which such school will—

13 (1) not later than 6 months after receipt of the  
14 award, develop best practices for health care profes-  
15 sionals—

16 (A) to recognize victims of a severe form of  
17 trafficking; and

18 (B) to respond appropriately to such indi-  
19 viduals;

20 (2) in developing best practices under para-  
21 graph (1), survey, analyze, and evaluate, in consulta-  
22 tion with law enforcement personnel, social service  
23 providers, and other experts in the field of human  
24 trafficking, existing best practices that foster the  
25 practice of interprofessional collaboration, including  
26 those used by industries other than the health care

1 industry, to determine the extent to which such ex-  
2 isting best practices may be adapted for use as part  
3 of the best practices under paragraph (1);

4 (3) develop curricula, training modules, or ma-  
5 terials to train health care professionals on the best  
6 practices developed under paragraph (1);

7 (4) not later than 12 months after the receipt  
8 of the award, make a subgrant to 1 entity located  
9 near an established anti-human trafficking task  
10 force initiative in each of the 10 administrative re-  
11 gions of the Department of Health and Human  
12 Services—

13 (A) to design, implement, and evaluate a  
14 pilot program using the best practices developed  
15 under paragraph (1) and the curricula, training  
16 modules, or materials developed under para-  
17 graph (3);

18 (B) to conduct the pilot program at one or  
19 more eligible sites within the respective region,  
20 which may include an eligible site that is a  
21 school-based health center; and

22 (C) to complete the implementation and  
23 evaluation of such pilot program within a period  
24 of 6 months;

1           (5) not later than 24 months after the receipt  
2           of the award, analyze the results of the pilot pro-  
3           grams conducted through subgrants under para-  
4           graph (4), including analyzing—

5                   (A) changes in the skills, knowledge, and  
6                   attitude of health care professionals resulting  
7                   from the implementation of the programs;

8                   (B) the number of victims of a severe form  
9                   of trafficking who are recognized under the pro-  
10                  grams;

11                  (C) of those recognized, the number who  
12                  received information or referrals for services of-  
13                  fered through the programs; and

14                  (D) of those who received such information  
15                  or referrals—

16                          (i) the number who participated in  
17                          followup services; and

18                          (ii) the type of followup services re-  
19                          ceived;

20           (6) determine, using the results of the analysis  
21           under paragraph (5), the extent to which the best  
22           practices developed under paragraph (1) are evi-  
23           dence-based; and

24           (7) submit a comprehensive assessment of the  
25           pilot programs conducted through subgrants under

1 paragraph (4) to the Secretary of Health and  
2 Human Services, including an identification of—

3 (A) the best practices that are determined  
4 pursuant to paragraph (6) to be evidence-based;  
5 and

6 (B) the best practices that are determined  
7 pursuant to such paragraph to require further  
8 review in order to determine whether they are  
9 evidence-based.

10 (b) CONTENTS.—The best practices developed  
11 through the grant awarded under subsection (a)—

12 (1) shall address—

13 (A) risk factors and indicators to recognize  
14 victims of a severe form of trafficking;

15 (B) application of Federal and State law,  
16 including reporting requirements, with respect  
17 to victims of a severe form of trafficking;

18 (C) patient safety and security, including  
19 the requirements of HIPAA privacy and secu-  
20 rity law as applied to victims of a severe form  
21 of trafficking;

22 (D) the management of medical records of  
23 patients who are victims of a severe form of  
24 trafficking;

1 (E) public and private social services avail-  
2 able for rescue, food, clothing, and shelter refer-  
3 rals;

4 (F) the hotlines for reporting human traf-  
5 ficking maintained by the National Human  
6 Trafficking Resource Center and the Depart-  
7 ment of Homeland Security;

8 (G) validated assessment tools for the  
9 identification of victims of a severe form of  
10 trafficking; and

11 (H) referral options and procedures for  
12 sharing information on human trafficking with  
13 a patient and making referrals for legal and so-  
14 cial service assistance related to human traf-  
15 ficking when indicated and appropriate; and

16 (2) shall not address patient medical treatment.

17 (c) DISSEMINATION.—Not later than 24 months after  
18 the award of a grant to a school under subsection (a),  
19 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting  
20 through the Administrator of the Agency for Healthcare  
21 Research and Quality, shall—

22 (1) post on the public website of the Depart-  
23 ment of Health and Human Services the best prac-  
24 tices that are identified by the school under subpara-  
25 graphs (A) and (B) of subsection (a)(7); and

1           (2) disseminate to health care profession  
2       schools the best practices identified by the school  
3       under subsection (a)(7)(A) and evaluation results.

4 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

5       In this Act:

6           (1) The term “eligible site” means a health cen-  
7       ter that is receiving assistance under section 330,  
8       399Z–1, or 1001 of the Public Health Service Act  
9       (42 U.S.C. 254b, 300).

10          (2) The term “eligible school” means an accred-  
11       ited school of medicine or nursing with experience in  
12       the study or treatment of victims of a severe form  
13       of trafficking.

14          (3) The term “health care professional” means  
15       a person employed by a health care provider who  
16       provides to patients information (including informa-  
17       tion not related to medical treatment), scheduling,  
18       services, or referrals.

19          (4) The term “HIPAA privacy and security  
20       law” has the meaning given to such term in section  
21       3009 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
22       300jj–19).

23          (5) The term “victim of a severe form of traf-  
24       ficking” has the meaning given to such term in sec-

1       tion 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act  
2       of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).

3 **SEC. 4. NO ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-**  
4                   **TIONS.**

5       No additional funds are authorized to be appro-  
6       priated to carry out this Act and the amendments made  
7       by this Act, and this Act and such amendments shall be  
8       carried out using amounts otherwise available for such  
9       purpose.

        Passed the House of Representatives January 27,  
2015.

Attest:

*Clerk.*





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