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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for advanced illness care coordination services for Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ introduced the following bill; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on _____

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Care Planning Act of 2015”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings.
- Sec. 3. Improvement of advanced illness planning and coordination.
- Sec. 4. Quality measurement development.

Sec. 5. Inclusion of advance care planning materials in the Medicare & You handbook.

Sec. 6. Improvement of policies related to the use and portability of advance directives.

Sec. 7. Additional requirements for facilities.

Sec. 8. Grants for increasing public awareness of advance care planning and advanced illness care.

Sec. 9. Rule of construction.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) The population of the United States is esti-
4 mated to age rapidly, with the number of people over
5 the age of 65 set to double to more than
6 72,000,000, or 1 in 5 Americans, over the next two
7 decades.

8 (2) Americans today are living longer and
9 healthier lives than ever before in the history of the
10 United States yet are also facing increased incidence
11 of multiple serious conditions as aging progresses.

12 (3) Americans with advanced illness face a com-
13 plicated and fragmented system of care delivery that
14 puts them at risk for repeat hospitalizations, adverse
15 drug reactions, and conflicting medical advice that
16 may be overwhelming to individuals and families.

17 (4) The progression of advanced illness leads to
18 the need for increasingly intensive decision support,
19 health care services, and support from caregivers.

20 (5) The complexity of care needed by individ-
21 uals with advanced illness may result in uncoordi-

1 nated care, adverse health outcomes, frustration,
2 wasted time, and undue emotional burdens on indi-
3 viduals and their caregivers.

4 (6) Numerous private sector leaders, including
5 hospitals, health systems, home health agencies, hos-
6 pice programs, long-term care providers, employers,
7 and other entities, have put in place innovative solu-
8 tions to provide more comprehensive and coordinated
9 care for Americans living with advanced illness.

10 (7) Hospice programs, as one of the longest
11 standing Medicare care coordination benefits that
12 offer a comprehensive set of services via an inter-
13 disciplinary team working to provide person- and
14 family-centered care to the frailest and most vulner-
15 able individuals in our communities, can serve as a
16 model for advanced illness care delivery.

17 (8) Palliative care programs that serve patients
18 beginning at diagnosis with advanced illness and
19 provide care designed to reduce the symptom burden
20 of illness can serve as a model for interdisciplinary
21 team care planning based on the individual's goals
22 of care.

23 (9) The Government of the United States, as
24 the Nation's largest purchaser of health care serv-
25 ices, must learn from these innovators and encour-

1 age health care providers to furnish more supportive
2 and comprehensive advanced illness care to improve
3 the efficacy and quality of health care delivered for
4 generations of Americans to come.

5 (10) Health care providers who serve individ-
6 uals with advanced illness face complicated care sys-
7 tems and legal concerns that may result in over- or
8 under-treatment of individuals with advanced illness.

9 (11) Individuals have the well-established right
10 to accept or reject medical treatment that is offered,
11 as well as the well-established right to document
12 their preferences for how treatment decisions should
13 be made if, at some point in the future, they lose the
14 ability to make health care decisions.

15 (12) Too often, individuals with advanced ill-
16 ness do not understand the conditions they are fac-
17 ing or their treatment options, and they do not re-
18 ceive the information or support they need to evalu-
19 ate treatment options in light of their personal goals
20 and values and to document treatment plans in a
21 manner that allows providers and facilities to follow
22 their plans.

23 (13) Providing quality services and planning
24 support to individuals with advanced illness will pro-
25 tect and preserve their dignity.

1 **SEC. 3. IMPROVEMENT OF ADVANCED ILLNESS PLANNING**
2 **AND COORDINATION.**

3 (a) **MEDICARE COVERAGE OF PLANNING SERV-**
4 **ICES.—**

5 (1) **COVERAGE.—**Section 1861(s)(2) of the So-
6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (A) in subparagraph (EE), by striking
9 “and” at the end;

10 (B) in subparagraph (FF), by inserting
11 “and” at the end; and

12 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (FF)
13 the following new paragraph:

14 “(GG) planning services (as defined in
15 subsection (iii));”.

16 (2) **SERVICES DESCRIBED.—**Section 1861 of
17 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amend-
18 ed by adding at the end the following new sub-
19 section:

20 “Planning Services

21 “(iii)(1)(A) The term ‘planning services’ means a vol-
22 untary decisionmaking process that includes the elements
23 described in paragraph (2) and is furnished to a planning
24 services eligible individual by an applicable provider
25 through an interdisciplinary team.

1 “(B)(i) Except as provided in clause (ii), planning
2 services may only be furnished to a planning services eligi-
3 ble individual under this title once in each 12-month pe-
4 riod.

5 “(ii) The Secretary shall establish appropriate excep-
6 tions to the frequency limitation under clause (i), such as
7 when there is a change in the individual’s medical condi-
8 tion.

9 “(2)(A) The elements described in this paragraph are
10 the following:

11 “(i) One or more face-to-face encounters be-
12 tween one or more members of the interdisciplinary
13 team and the individual and, at the individual’s dis-
14 cretion, caregivers, or, for an individual who lacks
15 decisionmaking capacity under State law, the indi-
16 vidual’s legally authorized representative.

17 “(ii) The provision of information about the
18 typical trajectory of illnesses or conditions that af-
19 fect the individual, including foreseeable care deci-
20 sions that may need to be made at a future time
21 when the individual is likely to be unable to make
22 decisions due to temporary or permanent cognitive
23 incapacity.

24 “(iii) Assisting the individual in defining and
25 articulating goals of care, values, and preferences.

1 “(iv) Providing the individual with and dis-
2 cussing information about the benefits and burdens
3 of relevant ranges of treatment options available to
4 the individual, including disease modifying or poten-
5 tially curative treatment, palliative care, which may
6 be provided alone or in conjunction with disease
7 modifying treatment, and, when the individual may
8 be currently eligible or may become eligible for hos-
9 pice care due to disease progression.

10 “(v) Assisting the individual in evaluating treat-
11 ment options and approaches to care to identify
12 those that most closely align with the individual’s
13 goals of care, values, and preferences.

14 “(vi) Preparing, and sharing with relevant pro-
15 viders, documentation—

16 “(I) that states the individual’s goals of
17 care, preferences, and values, preferred deci-
18 sionmaking strategies, and a plan of care that
19 is concrete and actionable; and

20 “(II) that is in State or locally recognized
21 forms that are used for the purpose of assuring
22 that providers can follow the plan across care
23 settings, such as advance directives or portable
24 treatment orders.

1 “(vii) Referrals to providers, including medical
2 and social service providers, who deliver care con-
3 sistent with the plan.

4 “(viii) Providing culturally and educationally
5 appropriate training for the individual and care-
6 givers to support their ability to carry out the plan.

7 “(B) Even when the individual’s decisional capacity
8 is impaired and another person or entity, such as an ap-
9 pointed agent, proxy, or surrogate, is exercising legal au-
10 thority under State law governing decisionmaking on be-
11 half of incapacitated individuals, the interdisciplinary
12 team shall make a reasonable attempt to include the indi-
13 vidual in the planning process.

14 “(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘plan-
15 ning services eligible individual’ means an individual that
16 meets at least one of the following criteria:

17 “(A) The individual is diagnosed with meta-
18 static or locally advanced cancer.

19 “(B) The individual is diagnosed with Alz-
20 heimer’s disease or another progressive dementia.

21 “(C) The individual is diagnosed with late-stage
22 neuromuscular.

23 “(D) The individual is diagnosed with late-stage
24 diabetes.

1 “(E) The individual is diagnosed with late-stage
2 kidney, liver, heart, gastrointestinal, cerebrovascular,
3 or lung disease.

4 “(F) The individual needs assistance with two
5 or more activities of daily living (defined as bathing,
6 dressing, eating, getting out of bed or a chair, mobil-
7 ity, and toileting) not associated with an acute or
8 post-operative conditions that are caused by one or
9 more serious or life threatening illnesses or frailty.

10 “(G) The individual meets other criteria deter-
11 mined appropriate by the Secretary, including cri-
12 teria that are designed to identify individuals with a
13 need for planning services due to a serious or life
14 threatening illness or risk of decline in cognitive
15 function over time.

16 “(4) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘appli-
17 cable provider’ means a hospice program (as defined in
18 section 1861(dd)(2)) or other provider of services (as de-
19 fined in section 1861(u)) or supplier (as defined in section
20 1861(d)) that—

21 “(A) furnishes planning services through an
22 interdisciplinary team; and

23 “(B) meets such other requirements the Sec-
24 retary may determine to be appropriate.

1 “(5)(A) For purposes of this subsection, the term
2 ‘interdisciplinary team’ means a group that—

3 “(i) includes the personnel described in sub-
4 section (dd)(2)(B)(i);

5 “(ii) may include a chaplain, minister, or per-
6 sonal religious or spiritual advisor;

7 “(iii) may include other direct care personnel;
8 and

9 “(iv) meets requirements that may be estab-
10 lished by the Secretary.

11 “(B) An applicable provider furnishing planning serv-
12 ices to a planning services eligible individual shall offer
13 to the individual (or the individual’s legally authorized rep-
14 resentative when the individual has been found to lack
15 decisional capacity) the opportunity to select either a
16 chaplain affiliated with the provider, a minister, or per-
17 sonal religious or spiritual advisor who can help to rep-
18 resent the individual’s goals, values, and preferences to
19 serve as a core team member at the individual’s (or legally
20 authorized representative’s) request.

21 “(C) The requirements established by the Secretary
22 under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall include a requirement
23 that interdisciplinary team members (except for the cho-
24 sen chaplain, minister, or personal religious or spiritual
25 advisor) have training and experience in delivering person-

1 directed planning services and in team-based delivery of
2 services for individuals with dementing illness and individ-
3 uals with a serious or life threatening illness.”.

4 (3) PAYMENT UNDER PHYSICIAN FEE SCHED-
5 ULE.—Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(j)(3)) is amended by inserting
7 “(2)(GG),” after “(2)(FF) (including administration
8 of the health risk assessment),”.

9 (4) FREQUENCY LIMITATION.—Section 1862(a)
10 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)) is
11 amended—

12 (A) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) in subparagraph (O), by striking
14 “and” at the end;

15 (ii) in subparagraph (P) by striking
16 the semicolon at the end and inserting “,
17 and”; and

18 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
19 lowing new subparagraph:

20 “(Q) in the case of planning services (as
21 defined in section 1861(iii)(1)), which are fur-
22 nished more frequently than is covered under
23 subparagraph (B) of such section;”; and

24 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking “or (P)”
25 and inserting “(P), or (Q)”.

1 participation under the model shall be
2 a hospice program (as defined in sec-
3 tion 1861(dd)(2)).

4 “(ii) APPLICABLE PROVIDER.—In this
5 subparagraph, the term ‘applicable pro-
6 vider’ has the meaning given such term in
7 section 1861(iii)(4).

8 “(iii) ADVANCED ILLNESS CARE CO-
9 ORDINATION SERVICES.—In this subpara-
10 graph, the term ‘advanced illness care co-
11 ordination services’ means the following
12 services:

13 “(I) Planning services (as defined
14 in section 1861(iii)).

15 “(II) A multi-dimensional assess-
16 ment of the individual’s strengths and
17 limitations.

18 “(III) An assessment of the indi-
19 vidual’s formal and informal supports,
20 including caregivers.

21 “(IV) Comprehensive medication
22 review and management (including, if
23 appropriate, counseling and self-man-
24 agement support).

1 living (defined as bathing, dressing,
2 eating, getting out of bed or a chair,
3 mobility, and toileting) that is not as-
4 sociated with an acute or post-opera-
5 tive condition that is caused by one or
6 more serious or life threatening condi-
7 tions or frailty.”.

8 **SEC. 4. QUALITY MEASUREMENT DEVELOPMENT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 931(c)(2) of the Public
10 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 299b–31(c)(2)) is amend-
11 ed—

12 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (I) and (J)
13 as subparagraphs (L) and (M), respectively; and

14 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (H) the fol-
15 lowing new subparagraphs:

16 “(I) the process of eliciting and docu-
17 menting patient (and, where relevant and ap-
18 propriate, caregiver) goals, preferences, and val-
19 ues from the patient or from a legally author-
20 ized representative, including the articulation of
21 goals that accurately reflect how the patient
22 wants to live;

23 “(J) the effectiveness, patient-centeredness
24 (and, where relevant, caregiver-centeredness),
25 and accuracy of care plans, including docu-

1 “(A) care planning;

2 “(B) how individual goals, values, and
3 preferences should be considered in framing a
4 care plan; and

5 “(C) a range of approaches for treating
6 advanced illness, including disease modifying
7 options, palliative care that supports individuals
8 from the onset of advanced illness and can be
9 provided at the same time as all other care
10 types, and hospice care; and

11 “(5) information on documentation options for
12 care planning or advance care planning, including
13 advance directives and portable treatment orders.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this section shall apply to notices distributed on or after
16 January 1, 2017.

17 **SEC. 6. IMPROVEMENT OF POLICIES RELATED TO THE USE**
18 **AND PORTABILITY OF ADVANCE DIRECTIVES.**

19 (a) MEDICARE.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1866(f) of the Social
21 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(f)) is amended—

22 (A) in paragraph (1)—

23 (i) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking
24 “State law” and all that follows through
25 “medical care” and inserting “relevant

1 State and Federal law (whether statutory
2 or as recognized by the courts) to make de-
3 cisions concerning medical care”;

4 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B);

5 (iii) by redesignating subparagraphs
6 (C), (D), and (E) as subparagraphs (G),
7 (H), and (I), respectively;

8 (iv) by inserting after subparagraph
9 (A) the following new subparagraphs:

10 “(B) to request and document in a prominent
11 part of the individual’s current medical record the
12 content of (or a copy of) an advance directive or
13 portable treatment order;

14 “(C) to provide each individual with the oppor-
15 tunity to discuss the information provided pursuant
16 to subparagraph (A) with an appropriately trained
17 employee or volunteer of the provider or organiza-
18 tion;

19 “(D) in the case of an individual with decisional
20 capacity under State law, to follow the individual’s
21 current treatment instructions, as expressed in writ-
22 ing or through verbal or non-verbal communications;

23 “(E) in the case of an individual who lacks
24 decisional capacity—

1 “(i) to ensure that treatment decisions are
2 made in accordance with current preferences,
3 values, and goals of the individual, when pos-
4 sible to ascertain and follow, and in accordance
5 with current advance directives and portable
6 treatment orders that are valid under State law
7 where the care is delivered, and instructions
8 provided by legally authorized representatives in
9 accordance with State and Federal law; and

10 “(ii) in the absence of a current advance
11 directive or portable treatment order that is
12 valid under State law where the care is deliv-
13 ered, to deliver treatment based on credible evi-
14 dence of the individual’s treatment preferences,
15 goals, and values, such as a current advance di-
16 rective or portable treatment order executed in
17 another State;

18 “(F) that specify conditions or circumstances
19 under which an advance directive, portable treat-
20 ment order, or treatment directions from an indi-
21 vidual or legally authorized representative would not
22 be followed;”;

23 (v) in subparagraph (H), as redesign-
24 nated by subparagraph (C), by striking
25 “State law” and all that follows through

1 “respecting” and inserting “this section
2 and relevant State and Federal law re-
3 specting”;

4 (vi) in subparagraph (I), as redesign-
5 nated by subparagraph (C), by inserting
6 “and portable treatment orders” before the
7 period at the end;

8 (vii) in the flush matter at the end, by
9 striking “(C)” and inserting “(G)”; and

10 (viii) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing new sentence: “Nothing in subpara-
12 graph (D) or (E) shall be construed to
13 apply to a request or directive ordering a
14 sterilization or ordering withdrawal of
15 treatment from a pregnant woman if con-
16 tinued treatment can reasonably be ex-
17 pected to bring her child to live birth.”;

18 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
19 (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;

20 (C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
21 following new paragraph:

22 “(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to pro-
23 hibit the application of a State law which allows for an
24 objection on the basis of conscience for any health care
25 provider or any agent of such provider which as a matter

1 of conscience cannot implement an advance directive or
2 portable treatment order.”;

3 (D) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by
4 paragraph (2)—

5 (i) by striking “a written” and insert-
6 ing “an”;

7 (ii) by striking “State law” and in-
8 serting “State or Federal law”; and

9 (iii) by striking “of the State”;

10 (E) by redesignating paragraph (5), as re-
11 designated by paragraph (2), as paragraph (6);

12 (F) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
13 following new paragraph:

14 “(5) In this subsection, the term ‘portable treatment
15 order’ means a treatment order designed to document a
16 clinical process that includes shared, informed medical de-
17 cisionmaking, that reflects the individual’s goals of care
18 and values, and that is designed to apply across care set-
19 tings, including the home.”; and

20 (G) by inserting after paragraph (6), as re-
21 designated by paragraph (6), the following new
22 paragraph:

23 “(7) Nothing in this subsection shall permit the Sec-
24 retary to seek civil penalties, including exclusion from par-
25 ticipation in the program under this title or the program

1 under title XIX, against an provider or organization if the
2 provider or organization—

3 “(A) used reasonable efforts to deliver care that
4 is consistent with an individual’s goals, preferences,
5 and values when addressing decisionmaking for an
6 individual who lacks decisional capacity; or

7 “(B) exercised its right of conscience in accord-
8 ance with paragraph (3).”.

9 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
10 by paragraph (1) shall apply to provider agreements
11 and contracts entered into, renewed, or extended
12 under title XVIII of the Social Security Act on or
13 after such date as the Secretary of Health and
14 Human Services specifies, but in no case may such
15 date be later than 1 year after the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act.

17 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the
18 provisions of, or the amendments made by, this sub-
19 section shall be construed to require a provider of
20 services or an organization to act in a manner con-
21 trary to its religious or moral convictions.

22 (b) CLARIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO ADVANCE DI-
23 RECTIVES.—Paragraph (2) of section 7 of the Assisted
24 Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C.
25 14406) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(2) to apply to, or to affect, any requirement
2 with respect to a portion of an advance directive,
3 physician treatment order, or request from an indi-
4 vidual or their legally authorized representative, that
5 directs the purposeful causing of, or the purposeful
6 assisting in causing, the death of an individual, such
7 as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.”.

8 **SEC. 7. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FACILITIES.**

9 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1866(a)(1) of the
11 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(a)(1)) is
12 amended—

13 (A) in subparagraph (V), by striking
14 “and” at the end;

15 (B) in subparagraph (W), as added by sec-
16 tion 3005(1)(C) of the Patient Protection and
17 Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111–148), by
18 redesignating such subparagraph as subpara-
19 graph (X), moving such subparagraph to follow
20 subparagraph (V), moving such subparagraph 2
21 ems to the left, and striking the period at the
22 end and inserting a comma;

23 (C) in subparagraph (W), as added by sec-
24 tion 6406(b)(3) of the Patient Protection and
25 Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111–148), by

1 redesignating such subparagraph as subpara-
2 graph (Y), moving such subparagraph to follow
3 subparagraph (X), as added by subparagraph
4 (B), moving such subparagraph 2 ems to the
5 left, and striking the period at the end and in-
6 serting “, and”; and

7 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (Y)
8 the following new subparagraph:

9 “(Z) in the case of hospitals, skilled nursing fa-
10 cilities, home health agencies, and hospice programs,
11 to assure that documented care plans include any
12 advance directives or portable treatment orders
13 made while the individual received care by the pro-
14 vider and that such plan is sent to the individual’s
15 primary care provider upon discharge and any facil-
16 ity to which the individual is transferred.”.

17 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
18 by this subsection shall apply to agreements entered
19 into or renewed on or after January 1, 2017.

20 (b) HHS STUDY AND REPORT.—

21 (1) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and
22 Human Services shall conduct a study on the extent
23 to which hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, hospice
24 programs, home health agencies, and applicable pro-
25 viders of planning services under section 1861(iii) of

1 the Social Security Act, as added by section 3(a),
2 work with individuals to—

3 (A) engage in a care planning process;

4 (B) thoroughly and completely document
5 the care planning process in the medical record;

6 (C) complete documents necessary to sup-
7 port the treatment and care plan, such as port-
8 able treatment orders and advance directives;

9 (D) provide services and support that is
10 free from discrimination based on advanced
11 age, disability status, or advanced illness; and

12 (E) provide documentation necessary to
13 carry out the treatment plan to—

14 (i) subsequent providers or facilities;

15 and

16 (ii) the individual, their legally au-
17 thorized representatives, and, where appro-
18 priate and relevant, their caregiver.

19 (2) REPORT.—Not later than January 1, 2020,
20 the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
21 submit to Congress a report on the study conducted
22 under paragraph (1) together with recommendations
23 for such legislation and administrative action as the
24 Secretary determines to be appropriate.

1 **SEC. 8. GRANTS FOR INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF**
2 **ADVANCE CARE PLANNING AND ADVANCED**
3 **ILLNESS CARE.**

4 (a) MATERIAL AND RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services (in this section referred to as the
7 “Secretary”) is authorized to award grants to enti-
8 ties described in subsection (d) to develop online
9 training modules, decision support tools, and in-
10 structional materials for individuals, caregivers, and
11 health care providers that include—

12 (A) for healthy individuals, the importance
13 of—

14 (i) identifying an individual who will
15 make treatment decisions in the event of
16 future cognitive incapacity;

17 (ii) discussing values and goals rel-
18 evant to catastrophic injury or illness; and

19 (iii) completing an advance directive
20 that—

21 (I) appoints a surrogate; and

22 (II) documents goals and values
23 and other information that should be
24 considered in making treatment deci-
25 sions;

1 (B) for individuals with advanced illness,
2 the importance of—

3 (i) articulating goals of care;

4 (ii) understanding prognosis and typ-
5 ical disease trajectory;

6 (iii) evaluating treatment options in
7 light of goals of care;

8 (iv) developing a treatment plan; and

9 (v) documenting the treatment plan
10 on advance directives, portable treatment
11 orders, and other documentation forms
12 used in the locality where the plan is to be
13 executed;

14 (C) the role and effective use of State and
15 other advance directive forms and portable
16 treatment orders; and

17 (D) the range of services for individuals
18 facing advanced illness, including planning serv-
19 ices, palliative care, and hospice care.

20 (2) PERIOD.—Any grant awarded under para-
21 graph (1) shall be for a period of 3 years.

22 (b) ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF WEB-
23 AND TELEPHONE-BASED RESOURCES.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized
25 to award grants to entities described in subsection

1 (d) to establish and maintain a website and tele-
2 phone hotline to disseminate resources developed
3 under subsection (a) and materials designed by the
4 Department of Health and Human Services Center
5 for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships for
6 faith communities.

7 (2) PERIOD.—Any grant awarded under para-
8 graph (1) shall be for a period of 5 years.

9 (3) ABILITY TO SUSTAIN ACTIVITIES.—The
10 Secretary shall take into account the ability of an
11 entity to sustain the activities described in para-
12 graph (1) beyond the 5-year grant period in deter-
13 mining whether to award a grant under paragraph
14 (1) to the entity.

15 (c) NATIONAL PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized
17 to award grants to entities described in subsection
18 (d) to conduct a national public education campaign
19 to raise public awareness of advance care planning
20 and advanced illness care, including the availability
21 of the resources created under subsections (a) and
22 (b).

23 (2) PERIOD.—Any grant awarded under para-
24 graph (1) shall be for a period of 5 years.

1 (d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Entities described in this
2 subsection are public or private entities (including States
3 or political subdivisions of a State, faith-based organiza-
4 tions, and religious educational institutions), or a consor-
5 tium of any such entities.

6 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
8 appropriated to the Secretary—

9 (A) for purposes of making grants under
10 subsection (a), \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2017,
11 to remain available until expended;

12 (B) for purposes of making grants under
13 subsection (b), \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2017,
14 to remain available until expended; and

15 (C) for purposes of making grants under
16 subsection (c), \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2017
17 to remain available until expended.

18 (2) LIMITATION.—None of the funds appro-
19 priated under paragraph (1) shall be used to—

20 (A) develop a model advance directive;

21 (B) develop or employ a dollars-per-quality
22 adjusted life year (or similar measure that dis-
23 counts the value of a life because of an individ-
24 ual's disability); or

1 (C) make a grant to a private entity that
2 advocates, promotes, or facilitates any item or
3 procedure for which funding is unavailable
4 under the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction
5 Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–12).

6 **SEC. 9. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

7 Nothing in the provisions of, or the amendments
8 made by, this Act shall be construed to limit the restric-
9 tions of, or to authorize the use of Federal funds for any
10 service, material, or activity pertaining to an item or serv-
11 ice or procedure for which funds are unavailable under,
12 the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997
13 (Public Law 105–12).