

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
OFFERED BY M__ . _____**

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . HEALTH PROFESSIONS COMPETENCIES TO AD-**
2 **DRESS RACIAL, ETHNIC, SEXUAL, AND GEN-**
3 **DER MINORITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIS-**
4 **PARITIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services shall award grants to national organiza-
7 tions for the purpose of developing, and disseminating to
8 health professional educational programs, curricula or
9 core competencies addressing behavioral health disparities
10 among racial, ethnic, sexual, and gender minority groups.

11 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Organizations receiving funds
12 under subsection (a) shall use the funds to develop and
13 disseminate curricula or core competencies, as described
14 in such subsection, for use in the training of students in
15 the professions of social work, psychology, psychiatry,
16 nursing, physician assistants, marriage and family ther-
17 apy, mental health counseling, substance abuse coun-
18 seling, or other mental health and substance use disorder
19 providers that the Secretary deems appropriate.

1 (c) ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES.—Organizations receive-
2 ing funds under subsection (a) may use the funds to en-
3 gage in the following activities related to the development
4 and dissemination of curricula or core competencies:

5 (1) Formation of committees or working groups
6 comprised of experts from accredited health profes-
7 sions schools to identify core competencies relating
8 to mental health disparities among racial and ethnic
9 minority groups.

10 (2) Planning of workshops in national fora to
11 allow for public input into the educational needs as-
12 sociated with mental health disparities among racial
13 and ethnic minority groups.

14 (3) Dissemination and promotion of the use of
15 curricula or core competencies in undergraduate and
16 graduate health professions training programs na-
17 tionwide.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term “racial
19 and ethnic minority group” has the meaning given to such
20 term in section 1707(g) of the Public Health Service Act
21 (42 U.S.C. 300u–6(g)).

22 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
24 \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020.

