The *Excellence in Mental Health Act* increases access to community behavioral health services for all Americans and to improve Medicaid reimbursement for community behavioral health services.

**Section 1—Short Title**

*Excellence in Mental Health Act*

**Section 2—Establishing Community Behavioral Health Centers**

Creates criteria for “Federally-Qualified Community Behavioral Health Centers” (FQCBHCs), as entities designed to serve individuals with serious mental illnesses and addiction disorders that provide intensive, person-centered, multidisciplinary, evidence-based screening, assessment, diagnostics, treatment, prevention, and wellness services. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is directed to issue regulations and establish a process for certifying such entities.

**Section 3—Medicaid Coverage and Payment for Community Behavioral Health Center Services**

*Subsection (a)—Payment for Services Provided by Federally-Qualified Community Behavioral Health Centers*

Current Medicaid policy provides Federally-Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics with Prospective Payment System (PPS) reimbursement or other State-approved alternative payment methodology. This section extends this provision to Federally Qualified Community Behavioral Health Centers.

*Subsection (b)—Inclusion of Community Behavioral Health Center Services in the term Medical Assistance*

Services provided by Federally-Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics are currently mandatory in State Medicaid Programs. This section extends this recognition to services provided by Federally-Qualified Community Behavioral Health Centers.

**Section 4—Health Information Technology**

Extends provisions in the HITECH Act to Federally Qualified Community Behavioral Health Centers, including:

*Subsection (a)—Health Care Provider:

Insert federally-qualified community behavioral health center into the definition in Section 3000(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300jj(3))

*Subsection (b)—Health Information Technology Regional Extension Centers:

Insert Federally-Qualified community behavioral health centers in Section 3012(c)(4) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300jj-32(c)(4))

*Subsection (c)—Medicaid Providers:

Insert Federally-Qualified community behavioral health centers in Section 1903(t)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(t)(2)(B)).

**Section 5—Community-Based Mental Health Infrastructure Improvement**

Creates a state-administered loan fund to support the modernization, and construction of community-based mental health and addiction treatment facilities. Fund open to all entities that receive funding from either federal Community Mental Health or Substance Abuse and Prevention Block Grants.

**Section 6—Expanded Participation in 340B Program**
Extends eligibility for discounted pharmaceutical products to any entity receiving funding from federal Community Mental Health or Substance Abuse and Prevention Block Grants.

Section 7—Adding Federally-Qualified Community Behavioral Health Center as Originating Sites for Payment of Medicare Tele-health Services.

Subsection (a): Adds federally-qualified community behavioral health centers to the list of sites receiving payment for Medicare telehealth services.