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**AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED BY MR. MATHESON OF UTAH**

(to the text of H.R. 3962)

Add at the end of subtitle B of title V of division  
C the following new part:

1       **PART 5—HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE LOAN**  
2                       **REPAYMENT PROGRAMS**

3       **SEC. 2565. PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE LOAN**  
4                       **REPAYMENT PROGRAM.**

5       Part E of title VII of the Public Health Service Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
7 the following:

8       **“Subpart 4—Recruitment and Retention Programs**  
9       **“SEC. 781. INVESTMENT IN TOMORROW’S PEDIATRIC**  
10                       **HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE.**

11       “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-  
12 lish and carry out a pediatric specialty loan repayment  
13 program under which the eligible individual agrees to be  
14 employed full-time for a specified period (which shall not  
15 be less than 2 years) in providing pediatric medical sub-  
16 specialty, pediatric surgical specialty, or child and adoles-  
17 cent mental and behavioral health care.

1       “(b) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—Through the pro-  
2 gram established under this section, the Secretary shall  
3 enter into contracts with qualified health professionals  
4 under which—

5           “(1) such qualified health professionals will  
6 agree to provide pediatric medical subspecialty, pedi-  
7 atric surgical specialty, or child and adolescent men-  
8 tal and behavioral health care in an area with a  
9 shortage of the specified pediatric subspecialty that  
10 has a sufficient pediatric population to support such  
11 pediatric subspecialty, as determined by the Sec-  
12 retary; and

13           “(2) the Secretary agrees to make payments on  
14 the principal and interest of undergraduate or grad-  
15 uate medical education loans of professionals de-  
16 scribed in paragraph (1) of not more than \$35,000  
17 a year for each year of agreed upon service under  
18 such paragraph for a period of not more than 3  
19 years during the qualified health professional’s—

20           “(A) participation in an accredited pedi-  
21 atric medical subspecialty, pediatric surgical  
22 specialty, or child and adolescent mental health  
23 subspecialty residency or fellowship; or

24           “(B) employment as a pediatric medical  
25 subspecialist, pediatric surgical specialist, or

1 child and adolescent mental health professional  
2 serving an area or population described in such  
3 paragraph.

4 “(c) IN GENERAL.—

5 “(1) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—

6 “(A) PEDIATRIC MEDICAL SPECIALISTS  
7 AND PEDIATRIC SURGICAL SPECIALISTS.—For  
8 purposes of contracts with respect to pediatric  
9 medical specialists and pediatric surgical spe-  
10 cialists, the term ‘qualified health professional’  
11 means a licensed physician who—

12 “(i) is entering or receiving training  
13 in an accredited pediatric medical sub-  
14 specialty or pediatric surgical specialty  
15 residency or fellowship; or

16 “(ii) has completed (but not prior to  
17 the end of the calendar year in which this  
18 section is enacted) the training described  
19 in paragraph (2).

20 “(B) CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL  
21 AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.—For purposes of  
22 contracts with respect to child and adolescent  
23 mental and behavioral health care, the term  
24 ‘qualified health professional’ means a health  
25 care professional who—

1           “(i) has received specialized training  
2           or clinical experience in child and adoles-  
3           cent mental health in psychiatry, psy-  
4           chology, school psychology, behavioral pedi-  
5           atrics, psychiatric nursing, social work,  
6           school social work, marriage and family  
7           therapy, school counseling, or professional  
8           counseling;

9           “(ii) has a license or certification in a  
10          State to practice allopathic medicine, os-  
11          teopathic medicine, psychology, school psy-  
12          chology, psychiatric nursing, social work,  
13          school social work, marriage and family  
14          therapy, school counseling, or professional  
15          counseling; or

16          “(iii) is a mental health service pro-  
17          fessional who completed (but not before  
18          the end of the calendar year in which this  
19          section is enacted) specialized training or  
20          clinical experience in child and adolescent  
21          mental health described in clause (i).

22          “(2)    ADDITIONAL    ELIGIBILITY    REQUIRE-  
23          MENTS.—The Secretary may not enter into a con-  
24          tract under this subsection with an eligible indi-  
25          vidual unless—

1           “(A) the individual is a United States cit-  
2           izen or a permanent legal United States resi-  
3           dent; and

4           “(B) if the individual is enrolled in a grad-  
5           uate program, the program is accredited, and  
6           the individual has an acceptable level of aca-  
7           demic standing (as determined by the Sec-  
8           retary).

9           “(d) PRIORITY.—In entering into contracts under  
10          this subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to appli-  
11          cants who—

12          “(1) are or will be working with high-priority  
13          populations in a Health Professional Shortage Area,  
14          Medically Underserved Area, or Medically Under-  
15          served Population;

16          “(2) have familiarity with evidence-based meth-  
17          ods and cultural and linguistic competence health  
18          care services; and

19          “(3) demonstrate financial need.

20          “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
21          is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
22          such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years  
23          2010 through 2014.”.

