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To establish a National Clinical Care Commission.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

MAY 1, 2017

Reported by Mr. ALEXANDER, without amendment

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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Clinical Care
5 Commission Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CLINICAL CARE COMMISSION.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established,
8 within the Department of Health and Human Services,

1 a National Clinical Care Commission (in this section re-
2 ferred to as the “Commission”) to evaluate and make rec-
3 ommendations regarding improvements to the coordina-
4 tion and leveraging of programs within the Department
5 and other Federal agencies related to awareness and clin-
6 ical care for at least one, but not more than two, complex
7 metabolic or autoimmune diseases resulting from issues
8 related to insulin that represent a significant disease bur-
9 den in the United States, which may include complications
10 due to such diseases.

11 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be
13 composed of the following voting members:

14 (A) The heads of the following Federal
15 agencies and departments, or their designees:

16 (i) The Centers for Medicare & Med-
17 icaid Services.

18 (ii) The Agency for Healthcare Re-
19 search and Quality.

20 (iii) The Centers for Disease Control
21 and Prevention.

22 (iv) The Indian Health Service.

23 (v) The Department of Veterans Af-
24 fairs.

1 (vi) The National Institutes of
2 Health.

3 (vii) The Food and Drug Administra-
4 tion.

5 (viii) The Health Resources and Serv-
6 ices Administration.

7 (ix) The Department of Defense.

8 (x) The Department of Agriculture.

9 (xi) The Office of Minority Health.

10 (B) Twelve additional voting members ap-
11 pointed under paragraph (2).

12 (2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The Commission
13 shall include additional voting members, as may be
14 appointed by the Secretary, with expertise in the
15 prevention, care, and epidemiology of any of the dis-
16 eases and complications described in subsection (a),
17 including one or more such members from each of
18 the following categories:

19 (A) Physician specialties, including clinical
20 endocrinologists, that play a role in the preven-
21 tion or treatment of diseases and complications
22 described in subsection (a).

23 (B) Primary care physicians.

24 (C) Non-physician health care profes-
25 sionals.

1 (D) Patient advocates.

2 (E) National experts, including public
3 health experts, in the duties listed under sub-
4 section (c).

5 (F) Health care providers furnishing serv-
6 ices to a patient population that consists of a
7 high percentage (as specified by the Secretary)
8 of individuals who are enrolled in a State plan
9 under title XIX of the Social Security Act or
10 who are not covered under a health plan or
11 health insurance coverage.

12 (3) CHAIRPERSON.—The members of the Com-
13 mission shall select a chairperson from the members
14 appointed under paragraph (2).

15 (4) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at
16 least twice, and not more than four times, a year.

17 (5) VACANCIES.—A vacancy on the Commission
18 shall be filled in the same manner as the original ap-
19 pointments.

20 (c) DUTIES.—The Commission shall evaluate and
21 make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Secretary
22 of Health and Human Services and Congress regarding—

23 (1) Federal programs of the Department of
24 Health and Human Services that focus on pre-

1 venting and reducing the incidence of the diseases
2 and complications described in subsection (a);

3 (2) current activities and gaps in Federal ef-
4 forts to support clinicians in providing integrated,
5 high-quality care to individuals with the diseases and
6 complications described in subsection (a);

7 (3) the improvement in, and improved coordina-
8 tion of, Federal education and awareness activities
9 related to the prevention and treatment of the dis-
10 eases and complications described in subsection (a),
11 which may include the utilization of new and exist-
12 ing technologies; and

13 (4) methods for outreach and dissemination of
14 education and awareness materials that—

15 (A) address the diseases and complications
16 described in subsection (a);

17 (B) are funded by the Federal Govern-
18 ment; and

19 (C) are intended for health care profes-
20 sionals and the public.

21 (d) OPERATING PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after
22 its first meeting, the Commission shall submit to the Sec-
23 retary of Health and Human Services and the Congress
24 an operating plan for carrying out the activities of the

1 Commission as described in subsection (c). Such operating
2 plan may include—

3 (1) a list of specific activities that the Commis-
4 sion plans to conduct for purposes of carrying out
5 the duties described in each of the paragraphs in
6 subsection (c);

7 (2) a plan for completing the activities;

8 (3) a list of members of the Commission and
9 other individuals who are not members of the Com-
10 mission who will need to be involved to conduct such
11 activities;

12 (4) an explanation of Federal agency involve-
13 ment and coordination needed to conduct such ac-
14 tivities;

15 (5) a budget for conducting such activities; and

16 (6) other information that the Commission
17 deems appropriate.

18 (e) FINAL REPORT.—By not later than 3 years after
19 the date of the Commission’s first meeting, the Commis-
20 sion shall submit to the Secretary of Health and Human
21 Services and the Congress a final report containing all of
22 the findings and recommendations required by this sec-
23 tion.

1 (f) SUNSET.—The Commission shall terminate 60
2 days after submitting its final report, but not later than
3 the end of fiscal year 2021.

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