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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as “The Pioneering Anti-
microbial Subscriptions To End Up Surging Resistance
Act of 2020” or “The PASTEUR Act”.

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE; SUBSCRIPTION

MODEL; ADVISORY GROUP.

(a) In General.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish
a Committee on Critical Need Antimicrobials and appoint members to the Committee.

(b) Members.—

(1) In General.—The Committee shall consist of at least one representative from each of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Veterans Health Administration, and the Department of Defense.

(2) Chair.—The Secretary shall appoint one of the members of the Committee to serve as the Chair of the Committee.

(e) Duties.—Not later than 1 year after the appointment of all initial members of the Committee, the Secretary, in collaboration with the Committee, and in consultation with the Critical Need Antimicrobials Advisory Group established under subsection (g), shall do the following:

(1) Develop a list of prioritized infections for which new antimicrobial drug development is needed, taking into account infections for which there is an unmet medical need, findings from the most recent
report entitled “Antibiotic Resistance Threats in the
United States” issued by the Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention, or an anticipated unmet
medical need. For the list developed under this para-
graph, the Secretary, in collaboration with the Com-
mittee, may use the infection list in such most re-
cent report for up to 3 years following the date of
enactment of this Act and subsequently update the
list under this paragraph in accordance with sub-
section (e).

(2) Develop regulations, in accordance with
subsection (d), outlining favored characteristics of
critical need antimicrobial drugs, that are evidence
based, clinically focused, and designed to treat the
infections described in paragraph (1), and estab-
lishing criteria for how each such characteristic will
adjust the monetary value of a subscription contract
awarded under subsection (f) or section 4. The fa-
vored characteristics shall be weighed for purposes
of such monetary value such that meeting certain
characteristics, or meeting more than one such char-
acteristic, increases the monetary value. Such fa-
vored characteristics of an antimicrobial drug shall
include—
(A) treating infections on the list under paragraph (1);

(B) improving clinical outcomes for patients with multi-drug-resistant infections;

(C) being a first-approved drug that treats certain multi-drug resistant infections, and, to a lesser extent, second and third drugs that treat such infections;

(D) addressing an infection located in an organ or other location that is challenging to treat;

(E) addressing a multi-drug resistant infection through a novel chemical scaffold or mechanism of action, especially through oral administration;

(F) having received a transitional subscription contract under subsection (f); and

(G) any other characteristic the Secretary, in collaboration with the Committee, determines necessary.

(d) Regulations.—

(1) In general.—Not later than 1 year after the appointment of the initial members of the Committee, the Secretary shall issue proposed regulations which shall include—
(A) a process by which the sponsors can apply for an antimicrobial drug to become a critical need antimicrobial drug under section 3;

(B) how subscription contracts under such section shall be established and paid;

(C) the favored characteristics under subsection (c)(2), how such characteristics will be weighed, and the minimum number and kind of favored characteristics needed for an antimicrobial drug to be designated a critical need antimicrobial drug; and

(D) other elements of the subscription contract process, in accordance with this Act.

(2) DEVELOPMENT OF FINAL REGULATIONS.—Before finalizing the regulations under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall solicit public comment and hold public meetings for the period beginning on the date on which the proposed regulations are issued and ending on the date that is 120 days after such date of issuance, and shall finalize and publish the regulations 60 days after the close of such period of public comment and meetings.

(3) SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACT OFFICE.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall propose an agency or
office in the Department of Health and Human Services to manage the establishment and payment of subscription contracts awarded under section 4, including eligibility, requirements, and contract amounts. The Secretary shall solicit public comment and finalize the agency or office no later than 45 days following the proposed agency or office.

(c) List of Infections.—The Secretary, in collaboration with the Committee, shall update the list of infections under subsection (c)(1) at least every 2 years.

(f) Transitional Subscription Contracts.—

(1) In general.—Not earlier than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date that the Secretary finalizes the subscription contract regulations under subsection (d), the Secretary may use up to $1,000,000,000 of the amount appropriated under section 6(a) to engage in transitional subscription contracts of up to 3 years in length with antimicrobial developers, as determined by the Secretary, that have developed antimicrobial drugs treating infections listed in the most recent report entitled “Antibiotic Resistance Threats in the United States” issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and may include antimicrobial drugs that are qualified infectious disease
products (as defined in section 505E(g) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355f(g)), similarly innovative biologic antimicrobial drugs, or innovative drugs that achieve an antimicrobial outcome through immunomodulation. Funds made available under such contracts may be used for a variety of purposes including to support the completion of postmarketing clinical studies, manufacturing, and other preclinical and clinical efforts.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, through the office described in paragraph (4), may enter into a contract under paragraph (1)—

(i) if the Secretary determines that the antimicrobial drug demonstrates a significant clinical advancement in treating an infection for which there is an unmet clinical need, an anticipated clinical need, or multidrug resistance;

(ii) subject to terms including—

(I) that the Secretary shall cease any payment installments under a transitional subscription contract if the sponsor does not—
(aa) ensure commercial and Federal availability of the antimicrobial drug within 30 days of receiving first payment under the contract;

(bb) identify, track, and publicly report drug resistance data and trends using available data related to the antimicrobial drug;

(cc) develop and implement education and communications strategies, including communications for individuals with limited English proficiency and individuals with disabilities, for health care professionals and patients about appropriate use of the antimicrobial drug;

(dd) submit a plan for registering the antimicrobial drug in additional countries where an unmet medical need exists;

(ee) subject to subparagraph (B), ensure a reliable drug sup-
ply chain, thus leading to an
interruption of the supply of the
antimicrobial drug in the United
States for more than 60 days; or
(ff) make meaningful
progress toward completion of
Federal Drug Administration-re-
quired postmarketing studies, in-
cluding such studies that are evi-
dence based; and
(II) other terms as determined by
the Secretary; and
(iii) if—
(I) a phase 3 clinical study has
been initiated for the antimicrobial
drug; or
(II) the antimicrobial drug has
been approved under section 505(c) of
the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
metic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(c)) or li-
censed under section 351(a) of the
Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
262(a)).

(B) WAIVER.—The requirement under sub-
paragraph (A)(ii)(I)(ee) may be waived in the
case that an emergency prohibits access to a reliable drug supply chain.

(3) Transitional Guidance.—Not later than 30 days after the appointment of the initial members of the Committee, the Secretary shall issue, in consultation with the Committee, transitional guidance outlining the antimicrobial drugs that are eligible for transitional subscription contracts under paragraph (1), the requirements to enter into a transitional subscription contract under paragraph (2), and the process by which drug developers can enter into transitional subscription contracts with the Secretary under this subsection.

(4) Payment Office and Mechanism.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall determine the agency or office in the Department of Health and Human Services that will manage the transitional subscription contracts, including eligibility, requirements, and contract amounts, during the period described in paragraph (1).

(g) Critical Need Antimicrobial Advisory Group.—

(1) In General.—Not later than 30 days after the appointment of all initial members of the Com-
mittee, the Secretary, in collaboration with the Committee, shall establish a Critical Need Antimicrobial Advisory Group (referred to in this subsection as the “Advisory Group”) and appoint members to the Advisory Group.

(2) **MEMBERS.**—The members of the Advisory Group shall include—

(A) 6 individuals who are—

(i) infectious disease specialists; or

(ii) other health experts with expertise in researching antimicrobial resistance, health economics, or commercializing antimicrobial drugs; and

(B) not less than 5 patient advocates.

(3) **CHAIR.**—The Secretary shall appoint one of the members of the Advisory Group to serve as the Chair.

(4) **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.**—In appointing members under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall ensure that no member receives compensation in any manner from a commercial or for-profit entity that develops antimicrobials or that might benefit from antimicrobial development.

(5) **APPLICABILITY OF FACA.**—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Federal Advi-
sory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall apply to
the Advisory Group.

SEC. 3. CRITICAL NEED ANTIMICROBIAL DRUG APPLICA-
TION AND PAYMENT THROUGH SUBSCRIP-
TION CONTRACTS.

(a) In General.—

(1) Submission of request.—The sponsor of
an application under section 505(b) of the Federal
Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(b))
or section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act
(42 U.S.C. 262(a)) for an antimicrobial drug may
request that the Secretary designate the drug as a
critical need antimicrobial. A request for such des-
ignation may be submitted after the Secretary
grants for such drug an investigational new drug ex-
emption under section 505(i) of the Federal Food,
Drug, and Cosmetic Act or section 351(a)(3) of the
Public Health Service Act, and shall be submitted
not later than 5 years after the date of approval
under section 505(e) of the Federal Food, Drug, and
Cosmetic Act or licensure under section 351(a) of
the Public Health Service Act.

(2) Content of request.—A request under
paragraph (1) shall include information, such as
clinical, preclinical and postmarketing data, a list of
the favorable characteristics described in section 2(e)(2), and any other material that the Secretary in consultation with the Committee requires.

(3) Review by Secretary.—The Secretary shall promptly review all requests for designation submitted under this subsection, assess all required application components, and determine if the antimicrobial drug is likely to meet the favorable characteristics identified in the application upon the completion of clinical development. After review, the Secretary shall approve or deny each request for designation no later than 90 days after receiving a request. If the Secretary approves a request, it shall publish the value of the contract that the critical need antimicrobial developer would be eligible to receive if such developer successfully demonstrates that the drug meets the maximum value of the favored characteristics listed in the application.

(4) Length of designation period.—A designation granted under this section shall be in effect for a period of 10 years after the date that the designation is approved, and shall remain in effect for such period even if the infection treated by such drug is later removed from the list of infections under section 2(e)(1).
(5) Subsequent reviews.—No sooner than 2 years after a designation approval or denial under subsection (3), the sponsor may request a subsequent review to re-evaluate the value of a contract to include any new information.

(b) Development of Designated Drugs.—If a critical need antimicrobial designation is granted during clinical development of an antimicrobial drug, the Secretary may work with the sponsor to maximize the opportunity for the sponsor to successfully demonstrate that the antimicrobial drug possesses the favored characteristics of high-monetary valued products identified under section 2(e)(2).

(c) Appropriate Use of Critical Need Antimicrobial.—

(1) In general.—The sponsor of an antimicrobial drug that receives designation under subsection (a) shall submit an appropriate use plan to the Secretary within 90 days of application approval for appropriate use of diagnostics for consideration by the Secretary and Committee to develop clinical guidelines. A diagnostic plan—

(A) shall include—

(i) the appropriate use of the drug; and
(ii) the appropriate use of diagnostic tools such as diagnostic testing for biomarkers related to antimicrobial-resistant pathogens, or other targeted diagnostic approaches, to inform use of the drug; and

(B) may be developed in partnership with the Secretary, infectious disease experts, diagnostic experts, or another entity.

(2) Consultation.—The Secretary shall work with relevant professional societies and the Critical Need Antimicrobial Advisory Group established under section 2(g) to ensure that clinical guidelines issued by the Secretary under paragraph (3), with respect to an antimicrobial drug designated under subsection (a), includes the use of appropriate diagnostic approaches, taking into consideration the diagnostic plan submitted by a sponsor under paragraph (1).

(3) Publication of Clinical Guidelines.—Not later than 1 year after the Secretary makes the first designation under subsection (a), and not less than every 3 years thereafter, the Secretary shall publish clinical guidelines in collaboration with relevant professional societies with respect to each antimicrobial drug designated under subsection (a)
which shall set forth the evidence-based recommendations for prescribing the drug, in accordance with the submissions of the sponsor under paragraph (1) and after consultation under paragraph (2), as appropriate.

SEC. 4. SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACTS.

(a) Application for a Subscription Contract.—

(1) Submission of applications.—After approval under section 505(c) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(c)) or licensure under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)), the sponsor of an antimicrobial drug designated as a critical need antimicrobial under section 3 may submit an application for a subscription contract with the Secretary, under a procedure established by the Secretary.

(2) Review of applications.—The Secretary shall, in consultation with the Committee—

(A) review all applications for subscription contracts under paragraph (1) and assess all required application components;

(B) determine the extent to which the critical need antimicrobial meets the favored characteristics identified under section 2(c)(2), and
deny any application for a drug that meets none of such characteristics; and

(C) assign a monetary value to the contract based on the regulations developed under section 2(d).

(b) CRITERIA.—To qualify for a subscription contract under this section, the sponsor of an antimicrobial drug designated as a critical need antimicrobial shall agree to—

(1) ensure commercial and Federal availability of the antimicrobial drug within 30 days of receiving first payment under the contract, and sufficient supply for susceptibility device manufacturers;

(2) identify, track, and publicly report drug resistance data and trends using available data related to the antimicrobial drug;

(3) develop and implement education and communications strategies, including communications for individuals with limited English proficiency and individuals with disabilities, for health care professionals and patients about appropriate use of the antimicrobial drug;

(4) submit an appropriate use assessment to the Secretary, Committee, Food and Drug Administration, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention every 2 years regarding use of the anti-
microbial drug, including how the drug is being marketed;

(5) submit a plan for registering the drug in additional countries where an unmet medical need exists;

(6) ensure a reliable drug supply chain, where any interruption to the supply chain will not last for more than 60 days in the United States;

(7) complete any postmarketing studies required by the Food and Drug Administration in a timely manner;

(8) produce the drug at a reasonable volume determined with the Secretary to ensure patient access to the drug;

(9) price the drug at a price that is not lower than a comparable generic drug; and

(10) abide by other terms as the Secretary may require.

(c) Term and Amount of Contracts.—

(1) Amounts.—A subscription contract under this section shall be for the sale to the Secretary of any quantity of the antimicrobial drug needed over the term of the contract under paragraph (2), at an agreed upon price, for a total projected amount determined by the Secretary that is not less than
$750,000,000 and not more than $3,000,000,000, adjusted for inflation, accounting for the favored characteristics of the drug, as determined by the Secretary, in consultation with the Committee, under subsection (a)(2), and shall be allocated from the amount made available under section 6(a). Not later than 6 months after the subscription contract is granted under subsection (a), the Secretary shall provide payments for purchased drugs in installments established by the Secretary in consultation with the sponsor of the antimicrobial drug and in accordance with subsection (d)(3). Funds received by the sponsor may be used to support criteria qualification under subsection (b), the completion of postmarketing clinical studies, manufacturing, and other preclinical and clinical activities agreed to by the Secretary and sponsor in the contract.

(2) Terms.—

(A) Initial term.—The initial term of a contract under this subsection shall be no less than 5 years or greater than the greater of 10 years or the remaining period of time during which the sponsor has patent protections or a remaining exclusivity period with respect to the antimicrobial drug in the United States, as list-
ed in the publication of the Food and Drug Ad-
ministration entitled “Approved Drug Products
with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations”.
Payments may be in equal annual installments
with the option to redeem 50 percent of the last
year’s reimbursement in year 1 of the contract
in order to offset costs of establishing manufac-
turing capacity, or another subscription ar-
angement to which the Secretary and sponsor
agree. Subscription contracts shall remain in ef-
fect for such period even if the infection treated
by such antimicrobial drug is later removed
from the list of infections under section 2(c)(1).

(B) EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS.—The
Secretary may extend subscription contracts be-
ond the initial contract period with a generic
or biosimilar brand manufacturer of the anti-
microbial drug receiving a subscription contract
or the original drug manufacturer. A single
contract extension may be in effect not later
than the date on which all periods of exclusivity
granted by the Food and Drug Administration
expire and shall be in an amount not to exceed
$25,000,000 per year. All other terms of an ex-
tended contract shall be the same as the terms
of the initial contract. The total amount of funding used on such contract extensions shall be no more than $1,000,000,000, and shall be allocated from the amount made available under section 6.

(C) Modification of contracts.—The Secretary or sponsor, every 2 years after the start of the contract period under this subsection, may request a modification of the amount of the contract based on information that adjusts favored characteristics in section 2(c)(2).

(3) Adjustment.—In the case of an antimicrobial drug that received a transitional subscription contract under section 2(f), the amount of a subscription contract for such drug under this section shall be reduced by the amount of the transitional subscription contract under such section 2(f) for such drug.

(d) Annual Antimicrobial Drug Sponsor Revenue Limitations.—

(1) Reporting requirement.—

(A) In general.—Not later than a date determined appropriate by the Secretary following the end of each calendar year, the head
(or a designee of such head) of each Federal agency carrying out a specified government program shall, in accordance with this paragraph, report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services the total prescription drug sales for each applicable antimicrobial drug under contract with respect to such program for such calendar year.

(B) Medicare Part D Program.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall report, for each applicable antimicrobial drug covered under part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–101 et seq.), the product of—

(i) the per-unit ingredient cost, as reported to the Secretary by prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans, minus any per-unit rebate, discount, or other price concession provided, as reported to the Secretary by the prescription drug plans and the Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans; and
(ii) the number of units of such applicable antimicrobial drug paid for under such part D.

(C) MEDICARE PART B PROGRAM.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall report, for each applicable antimicrobial drug covered under part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395j et seq.), the product of—

(i) the per-unit average sales price (as defined in section 1847A(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–3a(c)) or the per-unit payment rate under such part B for a separately paid prescription drug without a reported average sales price; and

(ii) the number of units of such applicable antimicrobial drug paid for under such part B.

(D) MEDICARE PART A PROGRAM.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall report, for each applicable antimicrobial drug covered under part A of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395c et seq.), the product of—
(I) the per-unit price under such part A for the antimicrobial drug; and

(II) the number of units of such antimicrobial drug paid for under such part A.

(ii) SPECIAL RULE.—For purposes of clause (i), the Secretary shall establish a process for determining the units and the allocated price for those prescription drugs that are not separately payable or for which National Drug Codes are not reported in the diagnosis-related groups.

(E) MEDICAID PROGRAM.—Under the authority of section 1902(a)(6) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(6)), the Secretary shall require each State that makes medical assistance available under the State Medicaid program for an applicable antimicrobial drug (including, if applicable, any such drug which is a covered outpatient drug under a rebate agreement entered into under section 1927 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–8)) to report to the Secretary, not later than the date established under subparagraph (A), for each dosage form and strength and package size of each such...
drug dispensed during the preceding calendar year under the State Medicaid program, the amount equal to—

(i) the product of—

(I) the per-unit ingredient cost paid by the State for each such drug; and

(II) the number of units of such drug paid for under the State Medicaid program; minus

(ii) any discounts or other price concessions provided and rebates paid to the State with respect to such drug and such calendar year (including rebates paid under a rebate agreement under section 1927 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–8) and any State supplemental rebates paid under a supplemental rebate agreement).

(F) Department of Veterans Affairs.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall report the total amount paid for each applicable antimicrobial drug procured by the Veterans Health Administration for individuals who receive health care from the Administration.
(G) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND
TRICARE PROGRAM.—For purposes of subpara-
graph (A), the Secretary of Defense shall report
the sum of—

(i) the total amount paid for each ap-
plicable antimicrobial drug procured by the
Department of Defense for individuals who
receive health care from the Department;
and

(ii) for each applicable antimicrobial
drug dispensed under the TRICARE retail
pharmacy program, the product of—

(I) the per-unit ingredient cost,
minus any per-unit rebate paid by the
covered entity, and

(II) the number of units of such
applicable antimicrobial drug dis-
pensed under such program.

(H) DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECU-
RITY.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the
Secretary of Homeland Security shall report the
total amount paid for each applicable anti-
microbial drug procured by the Department of
Homeland Security for individuals who receive
health care through a program carried out by the Department.

(I) **Bureau of Prisons.**—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall report the total amount paid for each applicable antimicrobial drug procured by the Bureau of Prisons for individuals who receive health care through the Bureau.

(J) **Indian Health Service.**—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the Secretary, acting through the Indian Health Service, shall report the total amount paid for each applicable antimicrobial drug procured by the Service for individuals who receive health care through the Service.

(2) **Guidance.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall publish guidance to assist the heads (or designees) of Federal agencies carrying out specified government programs in carrying out the requirements under this section.

(3) **Subscription Contract Adjustment.**—Pursuant to the contract entered into under this section with respect to an applicable antimicrobial drug, for each year of the term of such contract, the Sec-
retary shall subtract from the payment installments
determined for such contract under subsection (c)(1)
for such year the revenue of the sponsor of such
drug from the previous year from sales of the appli-
cable antimicrobial drug reported under paragraph
(1) for specified government programs.

(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) APPLICABLE ANTIMICROBIAL DRUG.—
The term “applicable antimicrobial drug”
means an antimicrobial drug for which the
sponsor of such drug receives a subscription
contract under subsection (a).

(B) SPECIFIED GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.—
The term “specified government program”
means—

(i) the Medicare part D program
under part D of title XVIII of the Social
Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–101 et
seq.);

(ii) the Medicare Part B program
under part B of such title XVIII (42
U.S.C. 1395j et seq.);

(iii) the Medicare Part A program
under part A of such title XVIII (42
U.S.C. 1395c et seq.);
(iv) the Medicaid program established under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) and includes, with respect to a State, any waiver in effect with respect to such program;

(v) any program under which prescription drugs are procured by the Department of Veterans Affairs;

(vi) any program under which branded prescription drugs are procured by the Department of Defense;

(vii) the TRICARE retail pharmacy program under section 1074g of title 10, United States Code;

(viii) any program under which prescription drugs are procured by the Department of Homeland Security;

(ix) any program under which prescription drugs are procured by the Bureau of Prisons; or

(x) any program under which prescription drugs are procured by the Indian Health Service.
(c) Failure To Adhere to Terms.—The Secretary shall cease any payment installments under a contract under this section if—

(1) the sponsor—

(A) permanently withdraws the antimicrobial drug from the market in the United States;

(B) fails to meet criteria under subsection (b); or

(C) does not complete a postmarket study required by the Food and Drug Administration during the length of the term of the contract;

or

(2) the annual international and private insurance market revenues with respect to an antimicrobial drug (not counting any subscription revenues from any source pursuant to a contract under this section or other international or private entities) exceed 5 times the average annual amount of the subscription contract paid by the Secretary as certified by the sponsor annually.

(f) Private Payer and International Payer Participation.—The Secretary shall make efforts to increase the participation of domestic private payors and international payors in subscription contracts or other
types of pull incentives that are similar to the subscription contracts authorized under this section.

SEC. 5. ENCOURAGING APPROPRIATE USE OF ANTIBIOTICS AND COMBATING RESISTANCE.

(a) Establishment of Hospital Grant Program.—

(1) In general.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall coordinate with the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, and other relevant agencies, to establish a grant program under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support hospital and other inpatient facility efforts—

(A) to judiciously use antimicrobial drugs, such as by establishing or implementing appropriate use programs, including infectious disease telehealth programs, using appropriate diagnostic tools, partnering with academic hospitals, increasing health care-associated infection reporting, and monitoring antimicrobial resistance; and
(B) to participate in the National Healthcare Safety Network Antimicrobial Use and Resistance Module or the Emerging Infections Program Healthcare-Associated Infections Community Interface activity of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or a similar reporting program, as specified by the Secretary, relating to antimicrobial drugs.

(2) PRIORITIZATION.—In awarding grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall prioritize hospitals without an existing program to judiciously use antimicrobial drugs, subsection (d) hospitals (as defined in subparagraph (B) of section 1886(d)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(2)) that are located in rural areas (as defined in subparagraph (D) of such section), critical access hospitals (as defined in section 1861(mm)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(mm)(1)), hospitals serving Tribal-populations, and safety-net hospitals.

(3) FUNDING.—Of the amounts appropriated under section 6, the Secretary shall reserve $500,000,000 to carry out this subsection.

(b) SURVEILLANCE AND REPORTING OF ANTIBIOTIC USE AND RESISTANCE.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall use the National Healthcare Safety Network and other appropriate surveillance systems to assess—

(A) appropriate conditions, outcomes, and measures causally related to antibacterial resistance, including types of infections, the causes for infections, and whether infections are acquired in a community or hospital setting, increased lengths of hospital stay, increased costs, and rates of mortality; and

(B) changes in bacterial resistance to antimicrobial drugs in relation to patient outcomes, including changes in percent resistance, prevalence of antibiotic-resistant infections, and other such changes.

(2) ANTIBIOTIC USE DATA.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall work with Federal agencies (including the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security, the Bureau of Prisons, the Indian Health Service, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services), private vendors, health care
organizations, pharmacy benefit managers, and other entities as appropriate to obtain reliable and comparable human antibiotic drug consumption data (including, as available and appropriate, volume antibiotic distribution data and antibiotic use data, including prescription data) by State or metropolitan areas.

(3) Antibiotic resistance trend data.—
The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall intensify and expand efforts to collect antibiotic resistance data and encourage adoption of the antibiotic resistance and use module within the National Healthcare Safety Network among all health care facilities across the continuum of care, including, as appropriate, acute care hospitals, dialysis facilities, nursing homes, ambulatory surgical centers, and other ambulatory health care settings in which antimicrobial drugs are routinely prescribed. The Secretary shall seek to collect such data from electronic medication administration reports and laboratory systems to produce the reports described in paragraph (4).

(4) Public availability of data.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers
for Disease Control and Prevention, shall, for the
purposes of improving the monitoring of important
trends in patient outcomes in relation to anti-
bacterial resistance—

(A) make the data derived from surveil-
ランス under this subsection publicly available
through reports issued on a regular basis that
is not less than annually; and

(B) examine opportunities to make such
data available in near real time.

SEC. 6. APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this Act, there are
hereby appropriated to the Secretary, out of amounts in
the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $11,000,000,000, for fiscal year 2021, to remain available
until expended.

(b) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amounts provided by
this section are designated as an emergency require-
ment pursuant to section 4(g) of the Statutory Pay-
As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

(2) DESIGNATION IN SENATE.—In the Senate,
this section is designated as an emergency require-
ment pursuant to section 4112(a) of H. Con. Res.
71 (115th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.

SEC. 7. STUDIES AND REPORTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall complete a study on the effectiveness of this Act in developing priority antimicrobial drugs. Such study shall examine the indications for, usage of, development of resistance with respect to, and private and societal value of critical need antimicrobial drugs, and the impact of the programs under this Act on patients and markets of critical need antimicrobial drugs. The Comptroller General shall report to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives on the findings of such study.

(b) ANTIBIOTIC USE IN THE UNITED STATES; ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall, each year, update the report entitled “Antibiotic Use in the United States” to include updated information on progress and opportunities with respect to data, programs, and resources for prescribers to promote appropriate use of antimicrobial drugs.

(c) REPORTS ON ANTIFUNGAL RESISTANCE AND ANTIMICROBIAL PROPHYLACTICS.—Not later than 3 years
after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of
the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall pub-
lish—

(1) a report on antifungal resistance in the
United States; and

(2) a report on antimicrobial prophylactics.

SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act—

(1) the term “antimicrobial drug”—

(A) subject to subparagraph (B), means—

(i) an antibiotic drug, as defined in
section 201(jj) of the Federal Food, Drug,
and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(jj)); or

(ii) a biological product, as defined in
section 351(i) of the Public Health Service
Act (42 U.S.C. 262(i)), that exhibits anti-
microbial activity; and

(B) excludes—

(i) any antifungal drug; and

(ii) any vaccine.

(2) the term “Committee” means the Com-
mittee on Critical Need Antimicrobials established
under section 2; and

(3) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
of Health and Human Services.