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To establish a program to develop antimicrobial innovations targeting the most challenging pathogens and most threatening infections.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 Pioneering Anti-
5 microbial Subscriptions To End Up Surging Resistance
6 Act of 2020” or “The PASTEUR Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE; SUBSCRIPTION**

8 **MODEL; ADVISORY GROUP.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish

1 a Committee on Critical Need Antimicrobials and appoint
2 members to the Committee.

3 (b) MEMBERS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall consist
5 of at least one representative from each of the Na-
6 tional Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases,
7 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the
8 Biomedical Advanced Research and Development
9 Authority, the Food and Drug Administration, the
10 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Vet-
11 erans Health Administration, and the Department of
12 Defense.

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

16 (c) DUTIES.—Not later than 1 year after the appoint-
17 ment of all initial members of the Committee, the Sec-
18 retary, in collaboration with the Committee, and in con-
19 sultation with the Critical Need Antimicrobials Advisory
20 Group established under subsection (g), shall do the fol-
21 lowing:

22 (1) Develop a list of prioritized infections for
23 which new antimicrobial drug development is needed,
24 taking into account infections for which there is an
25 unmet medical need, findings from the most recent

1 report entitled “Antibiotic Resistance Threats in the
2 United States” issued by the Centers for Disease
3 Control and Prevention, or an anticipated unmet
4 medical need. For the list developed under this para-
5 graph, the Secretary, in collaboration with the Com-
6 mittee, may use the infection list in such most re-
7 cent report for up to 3 years following the date of
8 enactment of this Act and subsequently update the
9 list under this paragraph in accordance with sub-
10 section (e).

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

1 (A) treating infections on the list under
2 paragraph (1);

3 (B) improving clinical outcomes for pa-
4 tients with multi-drug-resistant infections;

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

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

12 (E) addressing a multi-drug resistant in-
13 fection through a novel chemical scaffold or
14 mechanism of action, especially through oral
15 administration;

16 (F) having received a transitional subscrip-
17 tion contract under subsection (f); and

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

21 (d) REGULATIONS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
23 the appointment of the initial members of the Com-
24 mittee, the Secretary shall issue proposed regula-
25 tions which shall include—

1 (A) a process by which the sponsors can
2 apply for an antimicrobial drug to become a
3 critical need antimicrobial drug under section 3;

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

6 (C) the favored characteristics under sub-
7 section (c)(2), how such characteristics will be
8 weighed, and the minimum number and kind of
9 favored characteristics needed for an anti-
10 microbial drug to be designated a critical need
11 antimicrobial drug; and

12 (D) other elements of the subscription con-
13 tract process, in accordance with this Act.

14 (2) DEVELOPMENT OF FINAL REGULATIONS.—

15 Before finalizing the regulations under paragraph
16 (1), the Secretary shall solicit public comment and
17 hold public meetings for the period beginning on the
18 date on which the proposed regulations are issued
19 and ending on the date that is 120 days after such
20 date of issuance, and shall finalize and publish the
21 regulations 60 days after the close of such period of
22 public comment and meetings.

23 (3) SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACT OFFICE.—Not
24 later than 6 months after the date of enactment of
25 this Act, the Secretary shall propose an agency or

1 office in the Department of Health and Human
2 Services to manage the establishment and payment
3 of subscription contracts awarded under section 4,
4 including eligibility, requirements, and contract
5 amounts. The Secretary shall solicit public comment
6 and finalize the agency or office no later than 45
7 days following the proposed agency or office.

8 (e) LIST OF INFECTIONS.—The Secretary, in collabo-
9 ration with the Committee, shall update the list of infec-
10 tions under subsection (c)(1) at least every 2 years.

11 (f) TRANSITIONAL SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACTS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not earlier than 30 days
13 after the date of enactment of this Act and ending
14 on the date that the Secretary finalizes the subscrip-
15 tion contract regulations under subsection (d), the
16 Secretary may use up to \$1,000,000,000 of the
17 amount appropriated under section 6(a) to engage in
18 transitional subscription contracts of up to 3 years
19 in length with antimicrobial developers, as deter-
20 mined by the Secretary, that have developed anti-
21 microbial drugs treating infections listed in the most
22 recent report entitled “Antibiotic Resistance Threats
23 in the United States” issued by the Centers for Dis-
24 ease Control and Prevention, and may include anti-
25 microbial drugs that are qualified infectious disease

1 products (as defined in section 505E(g) of the Fed-
2 eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
3 355f(g)), similarly innovative biologic antimicrobial
4 drugs, or innovative drugs that achieve an anti-
5 microbial outcome through immunomodulation.
6 Funds made available under such contracts may be
7 used for a variety of purposes including to support
8 the completion of postmarketing clinical studies,
9 manufacturing, and other preclinical and clinical ef-
10 forts.

11 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—

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

15 (i) if the Secretary determines that
16 the antimicrobial drug demonstrates a sig-
17 nificant clinical advancement in treating an
18 infection for which there is an unmet clin-
19 ical need, an anticipated clinical need, or
20 multidrug resistance;

21 (ii) subject to terms including—

22 (I) that the Secretary shall cease
23 any payment installments under a
24 transitional subscription contract if
25 the sponsor does not—

1 (aa) ensure commercial and
2 Federal availability of the anti-
3 microbial drug within 30 days of
4 receiving first payment under the
5 contract;

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

11 (cc) develop and implement
12 education and communications
13 strategies, including communica-
14 tions for individuals with limited
15 English proficiency and individ-
16 uals with disabilities, for health
17 care professionals and patients
18 about appropriate use of the
19 antimicrobial drug;

20 (dd) submit a plan for reg-
21 istering the antimicrobial drug in
22 additional countries where an
23 unmet medical need exists;

24 (ee) subject to subparagraph
25 (B), ensure a reliable drug sup-

1 ply chain, thus leading to an
2 interruption of the supply of the
3 antimicrobial drug in the United
4 States for more than 60 days; or
5 (ff) make meaningful
6 progress toward completion of
7 Federal Drug Administration-re-
8 quired postmarketing studies, in-
9 cluding such studies that are evi-
10 dence based; and

11 (II) other terms as determined by
12 the Secretary; and

13 (iii) if—

14 (I) a phase 3 clinical study has
15 been initiated for the antimicrobial
16 drug; or

17 (II) the antimicrobial drug has
18 been approved under section 505(c) of
19 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
20 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(c)) or li-
21 censed under section 351(a) of the
22 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
23 262(a)).

24 (B) WAIVER.—The requirement under sub-
25 paragraph (A)(ii)(I)(ee) may be waived in the

1 case that an emergency prohibits access to a re-
2 liable drug supply chain.

3 (3) TRANSITIONAL GUIDANCE.—Not later than
4 30 days after the appointment of the initial mem-
5 bers of the Committee, the Secretary shall issue, in
6 consultation with the Committee, transitional guid-
7 ance outlining the antimicrobial drugs that are eligi-
8 ble for transitional subscription contracts under
9 paragraph (1), the requirements to enter into a
10 transitional subscription contract under paragraph
11 (2), and the process by which drug developers can
12 enter into transitional subscription contracts with
13 the Secretary under this subsection.

14 (4) PAYMENT OFFICE AND MECHANISM.—Not
15 later than 30 days after the date of enactment of
16 this Act, the Secretary shall determine the agency or
17 office in the Department of Health and Human
18 Services that will manage the transitional subscrip-
19 tion contracts, including eligibility, requirements,
20 and contract amounts, during the period described
21 in paragraph (1).

22 (g) CRITICAL NEED ANTIMICROBIAL ADVISORY
23 GROUP.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
25 the appointment of all initial members of the Com-

1 committee, the Secretary, in collaboration with the Com-
2 mittee, shall establish a Critical Need Antimicrobial
3 Advisory Group (referred to in this subsection as the
4 “Advisory Group”) and appoint members to the Ad-
5 visory Group.

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

8 (A) 6 individuals who are—

9 (i) infectious disease specialists; or

10 (ii) other health experts with expertise
11 in researching antimicrobial resistance,
12 health economics, or commercializing anti-
13 microbial drugs; and

14 (B) not less than 5 patient advocates.

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

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

24 (5) APPLICABILITY OF FACA.—Except as other-
25 wise provided in this subsection, the Federal Advi-

1 sory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall apply to
2 the Advisory Group.

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

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—

7 (1) SUBMISSION OF REQUEST.—The sponsor of
8 an application under section 505(b) of the Federal
9 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(b))
10 or section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act
11 (42 U.S.C. 262(a)) for an antimicrobial drug may
12 request that the Secretary designate the drug as a
13 critical need antimicrobial. A request for such des-
14 ignation may be submitted after the Secretary
15 grants for such drug an investigational new drug ex-
16 emption under section 505(i) of the Federal Food,
17 Drug, and Cosmetic Act or section 351(a)(3) of the
18 Public Health Service Act, and shall be submitted
19 not later than 5 years after the date of approval
20 under section 505(c) of the Federal Food, Drug, and
21 Cosmetic Act or licensure under section 351(a) of
22 the Public Health Service Act.

23 (2) CONTENT OF REQUEST.—A request under
24 paragraph (1) shall include information, such as
25 clinical, preclinical and postmarketing data, a list of

1 the favorable characteristics described in section
2 2(c)(2), and any other material that the Secretary in
3 consultation with the Committee requires.

4 (3) REVIEW BY SECRETARY.—The Secretary
5 shall promptly review all requests for designation
6 submitted under this subsection, assess all required
7 application components, and determine if the anti-
8 microbial drug is likely to meet the favorable charac-
9 teristics identified in the application upon the com-
10 pletion of clinical development. After review, the Sec-
11 retary shall approve or deny each request for des-
12 ignation no later than 90 days after receiving a re-
13 quest. If the Secretary approves a request, it shall
14 publish the value of the contract that the critical
15 need antimicrobial developer would be eligible to re-
16 ceive if such developer successfully demonstrates
17 that the drug meets the maximum value of the fa-
18 vored characteristics listed in the application.

19 (4) LENGTH OF DESIGNATION PERIOD.—A des-
20 ignation granted under this section shall be in effect
21 for a period of 10 years after the date that the des-
22 ignation is approved, and shall remain in effect for
23 such period even if the infection treated by such
24 drug is later removed from the list of infections
25 under section 2(c)(1).

1 (5) SUBSEQUENT REVIEWS.—No sooner than 2
2 years after a designation approval or denial under
3 subsection (3), the sponsor may request a subse-
4 quent review to re-evaluate the value of a contract
5 to include any new information.

6 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF DESIGNATED DRUGS.—If a
7 critical need antimicrobial designation is granted during
8 clinical development of an antimicrobial drug, the Sec-
9 retary may work with the sponsor to maximize the oppor-
10 tunity for the sponsor to successfully demonstrate that the
11 antimicrobial drug possesses the favored characteristics of
12 high-monetary valued products identified under section
13 2(c)(2).

14 (c) APPROPRIATE USE OF CRITICAL NEED ANTI-
15 MICROBIAL.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The sponsor of an anti-
17 microbial drug that receives designation under sub-
18 section (a) shall submit an appropriate use plan to
19 the Secretary within 90 days of application approval
20 for appropriate use of diagnostics for consideration
21 by the Secretary and Committee to develop clinical
22 guidelines. A diagnostic plan—

23 (A) shall include—

24 (i) the appropriate use of the drug;

25 and

1 (ii) the appropriate use of diagnostic
2 tools such as diagnostic testing for bio-
3 markers related to antimicrobial-resistant
4 pathogens, or other targeted diagnostic ap-
5 proaches, to inform use of the drug; and

6 (B) may be developed in partnership with
7 the Secretary, infectious disease experts, diag-
8 nostic experts, or another entity.

9 (2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall work
10 with relevant professional societies and the Critical
11 Need Antimicrobial Advisory Group established
12 under section 2(g) to ensure that clinical guidelines
13 issued by the Secretary under paragraph (3), with
14 respect to an antimicrobial drug designated under
15 subsection (a), includes the use of appropriate diag-
16 nostic approaches, taking into consideration the di-
17 agnostic plan submitted by a sponsor under para-
18 graph (1).

19 (3) PUBLICATION OF CLINICAL GUIDELINES.—
20 Not later than 1 year after the Secretary makes the
21 first designation under subsection (a), and not less
22 than every 3 years thereafter, the Secretary shall
23 publish clinical guidelines in collaboration with rel-
24 evant professional societies with respect to each anti-
25 microbial drug designated under subsection (a)

1 which shall set forth the evidence-based rec-
2 ommendations for prescribing the drug, in accord-
3 ance with the submissions of the sponsor under
4 paragraph (1) and after consultation under para-
5 graph (2), as appropriate.

6 **SEC. 4. SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACTS.**

7 (a) APPLICATION FOR A SUBSCRIPTION CON-
8 TRACT.—

9 (1) SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS.—After ap-
10 proval under section 505(c) of the Federal Food,
11 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(c)) or licen-
12 sure under section 351(a) of the Public Health Serv-
13 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)), the sponsor of an anti-
14 microbial drug designated as a critical need anti-
15 microbial under section 3 may submit an application
16 for a subscription contract with the Secretary, under
17 a procedure established by the Secretary.

18 (2) REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary
19 shall, in consultation with the Committee—

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

23 (B) determine the extent to which the crit-
24 ical need antimicrobial meets the favored char-
25 acteristics identified under section 2(c)(2), and

1 deny any application for a drug that meets
2 none of such characteristics; and

3 (C) assign a monetary value to the con-
4 tract based on the regulations developed under
5 section 2(d).

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

9 (1) ensure commercial and Federal availability
10 of the antimicrobial drug within 30 days of receiving
11 first payment under the contract, and sufficient sup-
12 ply for susceptibility device manufacturers;

13 (2) identify, track, and publicly report drug re-
14 sistance data and trends using available data related
15 to the antimicrobial drug;

16 (3) develop and implement education and com-
17 munications strategies, including communications
18 for individuals with limited English proficiency and
19 individuals with disabilities, for health care profes-
20 sionals and patients about appropriate use of the
21 antimicrobial drug;

22 (4) submit an appropriate use assessment to
23 the Secretary, Committee, Food and Drug Adminis-
24 tration, and Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
25 vention every 2 years regarding use of the anti-

1 microbial drug, including how the drug is being mar-
2 keted;

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

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

9 (7) complete any postmarketing studies re-
10 quired by the Food and Drug Administration in a
11 timely manner;

12 (8) produce the drug at a reasonable volume de-
13 termined with the Secretary to ensure patient access
14 to the drug;

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

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

19 (c) TERM AND AMOUNT OF CONTRACTS.—

20 (1) AMOUNTS.—A subscription contract under
21 this section shall be for the sale to the Secretary of
22 any quantity of the antimicrobial drug needed over
23 the term of the contract under paragraph (2), at an
24 agreed upon price, for a total projected amount de-
25 termined by the Secretary that is not less than

1 \$750,000,000 and not more than \$3,000,000,000,
2 adjusted for inflation, accounting for the favored
3 characteristics of the drug, as determined by the
4 Secretary, in consultation with the Committee, under
5 subsection (a)(2), and shall be allocated from the
6 amount made available under section 6(a). Not later
7 than 6 months after the subscription contract is
8 granted under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
9 provide payments for purchased drugs in install-
10 ments established by the Secretary in consultation
11 with the sponsor of the antimicrobial drug and in ac-
12 cordance with subsection (d)(3). Funds received by
13 the sponsor may be used to support criteria quali-
14 fication under subsection (b), the completion of post-
15 marketing clinical studies, manufacturing, and other
16 preclinical and clinical activities agreed to by the
17 Secretary and sponsor in the contract.

18 (2) TERMS.—

19 (A) INITIAL TERM.—The initial term of a
20 contract under this subsection shall be no less
21 than 5 years or greater than the greater of 10
22 years or the remaining period of time during
23 which the sponsor has patent protections or a
24 remaining exclusivity period with respect to the
25 antimicrobial drug in the United States, as list-

1 ed in the publication of the Food and Drug Ad-
2 ministration entitled “Approved Drug Products
3 with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations”.
4 Payments may be in equal annual installments
5 with the option to redeem 50 percent of the last
6 year’s reimbursement in year 1 of the contract
7 in order to offset costs of establishing manufac-
8 turing capacity, or another subscription ar-
9 rangement to which the Secretary and sponsor
10 agree. Subscription contracts shall remain in ef-
11 fect for such period even if the infection treated
12 by such antimicrobial drug is later removed
13 from the list of infections under section 2(c)(1).

14 (B) EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS.—The
15 Secretary may extend subscription contracts be-
16 yond the initial contract period with a generic
17 or biosimilar brand manufacturer of the anti-
18 microbial drug receiving a subscription contract
19 or the original drug manufacturer. A single
20 contract extension may be in effect not later
21 than the date on which all periods of exclusivity
22 granted by the Food and Drug Administration
23 expire and shall be in an amount not to exceed
24 \$25,000,000 per year. All other terms of an ex-
25 tended contract shall be the same as the terms

1 of the initial contract. The total amount of
2 funding used on such contract extensions shall
3 be no more than \$1,000,000,000, and shall be
4 allocated from the amount made available under
5 section 6.

6 (C) MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS.—The
7 Secretary or sponsor, every 2 years after the
8 start of the contract period under this sub-
9 section, may request a modification of the
10 amount of the contract based on information
11 that adjusts favored characteristics in section
12 2(e)(2).

13 (3) ADJUSTMENT.—In the case of an anti-
14 microbial drug that received a transitional subscrip-
15 tion contract under section 2(f), the amount of a
16 subscription contract for such drug under this sec-
17 tion shall be reduced by the amount of the transi-
18 tional subscription contract under such section 2(f)
19 for such drug.

20 (d) ANNUAL ANTIMICROBIAL DRUG SPONSOR REV-
21 ENUE LIMITATIONS.—

22 (1) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than a date
24 determined appropriate by the Secretary fol-
25 lowing the end of each calendar year, the head

1 (or a designee of such head) of each Federal
2 agency carrying out a specified government pro-
3 gram shall, in accordance with this paragraph,
4 report to the Secretary of Health and Human
5 Services the total prescription drug sales for
6 each applicable antimicrobial drug under con-
7 tract with respect to such program for such cal-
8 endar year.

9 (B) MEDICARE PART D PROGRAM.—For
10 purposes of subparagraph (A), the Secretary
11 shall report, for each applicable antimicrobial
12 drug covered under part D of title XVIII of the
13 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–101 et
14 seq.), the product of—

15 (i) the per-unit ingredient cost, as re-
16 ported to the Secretary by prescription
17 drug plans and Medicare Advantage pre-
18 scription drug plans, minus any per-unit
19 rebate, discount, or other price concession
20 provided, as reported to the Secretary by
21 the prescription drug plans and the Medi-
22 care Advantage prescription drug plans;
23 and

1 (ii) the number of units of such appli-
2 cable antimicrobial drug paid for under
3 such part D.

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

10 (i) the per-unit average sales price (as
11 defined in section 1847A(c) of such Act
12 (42 U.S.C. 1395w-3a(c)) or the per-unit
13 payment rate under such part B for a sep-
14 arately paid prescription drug without a
15 reported average sales price; and

16 (ii) the number of units of such appli-
17 cable antimicrobial drug paid for under
18 such part B.

19 (D) MEDICARE PART A PROGRAM.—

20 (i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of
21 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall re-
22 port, for each applicable antimicrobial drug
23 covered under part A of title XVIII of the
24 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395c et
25 seq.), the product of—

1 (I) the per-unit price under such
2 part A for the antimicrobial drug; and

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

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

13 (E) MEDICAID PROGRAM.—Under the au-
14 thority of section 1902(a)(6) of the Social Secu-
15 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(6)), the Secretary
16 shall require each State that makes medical as-
17 sistance available under the State Medicaid pro-
18 gram for an applicable antimicrobial drug (in-
19 cluding, if applicable, any such drug which is a
20 covered outpatient drug under a rebate agree-
21 ment entered into under section 1927 of such
22 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-8)) to report to the Sec-
23 retary, not later than the date established
24 under subparagraph (A), for each dosage form
25 and strength and package size of each such

1 drug dispensed during the preceding calendar
2 year under the State Medicaid program, the
3 amount equal to—

4 (i) the product of—

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

8 (II) the number of units of such
9 drug paid for under the State Med-
10 icaid program; minus

11 (ii) any discounts or other price con-
12 cessions provided and rebates paid to the
13 State with respect to such drug and such
14 calendar year (including rebates paid
15 under a rebate agreement under section
16 1927 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-8) and
17 any State supplemental rebates paid under
18 a supplemental rebate agreement).

19 (F) DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-
20 FAIRS.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the
21 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall report the
22 total amount paid for each applicable anti-
23 microbial drug procured by the Veterans Health
24 Administration for individuals who receive
25 health care from the Administration.

1 (G) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND
2 TRICARE PROGRAM.—For purposes of subpara-
3 graph (A), the Secretary of Defense shall report
4 the sum of—

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

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

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

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

19 (H) DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECUR-
20 RITY.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the
21 Secretary of Homeland Security shall report the
22 total amount paid for each applicable anti-
23 microbial drug procured by the Department of
24 Homeland Security for individuals who receive

1 health care through a program carried out by
2 the Department.

3 (I) BUREAU OF PRISONS.—For purposes of
4 subparagraph (A), the Director of the Bureau
5 of Prisons shall report the total amount paid
6 for each applicable antimicrobial drug procured
7 by the Bureau of Prisons for individuals who
8 receive health care through the Bureau.

9 (J) INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE.—For pur-
10 poses of subparagraph (A), the Secretary, act-
11 ing through the Indian Health Service, shall re-
12 port the total amount paid for each applicable
13 antimicrobial drug procured by the Service for
14 individuals who receive health care through the
15 Service.

16 (2) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year after
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
18 shall publish guidance to assist the heads (or des-
19 ignees) of Federal agencies carrying out specified
20 government programs in carrying out the require-
21 ments under this section.

22 (3) SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT.—
23 Pursuant to the contract entered into under this sec-
24 tion with respect to an applicable antimicrobial drug,
25 for each year of the term of such contract, the Sec-

1 retary shall subtract from the payment installments
2 determined for such contract under subsection (c)(1)
3 for such year the revenue of the sponsor of such
4 drug from the previous year from sales of the appli-
5 cable antimicrobial drug reported under paragraph
6 (1) for specified government programs.

7 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

8 (A) APPLICABLE ANTIMICROBIAL DRUG.—

9 The term “applicable antimicrobial drug”
10 means an antimicrobial drug for which the
11 sponsor of such drug receives a subscription
12 contract under subsection (a).

13 (B) SPECIFIED GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.—

14 The term “specified government program”
15 means—

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

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

23 (iii) the Medicare Part A program
24 under part A of such title XVIII (42
25 U.S.C. 1395c et seq.);

1 (iv) the Medicaid program established
2 under title XIX of the Social Security Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) and includes,
4 with respect to a State, any waiver in ef-
5 fect with respect to such program;

6 (v) any program under which pre-
7 scription drugs are procured by the De-
8 partment of Veterans Affairs;

9 (vi) any program under which brand-
10 ed prescription drugs are procured by the
11 Department of Defense;

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

15 (viii) any program under which pre-
16 scription drugs are procured by the De-
17 partment of Homeland Security;

18 (ix) any program under which pre-
19 scription drugs are procured by the Bu-
20 reau of Prisons; or

21 (x) any program under which pre-
22 scription drugs are procured by the Indian
23 Health Service.

1 (e) FAILURE TO ADHERE TO TERMS.—The Sec-
2 retary shall cease any payment installments under a con-
3 tract under this section if—

4 (1) the sponsor—

5 (A) permanently withdraws the anti-
6 microbial drug from the market in the United
7 States;

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

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

14 (2) the annual international and private insur-
15 ance market revenues with respect to an anti-
16 microbial drug (not counting any subscription reve-
17 nues from any source pursuant to a contract under
18 this section or other international or private entities)
19 exceed 5 times the average annual amount of the
20 subscription contract paid by the Secretary as cer-
21 tified by the sponsor annually.

22 (f) PRIVATE PAYER AND INTERNATIONAL PAYER
23 PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary shall make efforts to in-
24 crease the participation of domestic private payors and
25 international payors in subscription contracts or other

1 types of pull incentives that are similar to the subscription
2 contracts authorized under this section.

3 **SEC. 5. ENCOURAGING APPROPRIATE USE OF ANTIBIOTICS**
4 **AND COMBATING RESISTANCE.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF HOSPITAL GRANT PRO-
6 GRAM.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary and
9 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and
10 Prevention shall coordinate with the Administrator
11 of the Health Resources and Services Administra-
12 tion, the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare
13 & Medicaid Services, the National Coordinator for
14 Health Information Technology, and other relevant
15 agencies, to establish a grant program under the
16 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to sup-
17 port hospital and other inpatient facility efforts—

18 (A) to judiciously use antimicrobial drugs,
19 such as by establishing or implementing appro-
20 priate use programs, including infectious dis-
21 ease telehealth programs, using appropriate di-
22 agnostic tools, partnering with academic hos-
23 pitals, increasing health care-associated infec-
24 tion reporting, and monitoring antimicrobial re-
25 sistance; and

1 (B) to participate in the National
2 Healthcare Safety Network Antimicrobial Use
3 and Resistance Module or the Emerging Infec-
4 tions Program Healthcare-Associated Infections
5 Community Interface activity of the Centers for
6 Disease Control and Prevention or a similar re-
7 porting program, as specified by the Secretary,
8 relating to antimicrobial drugs.

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

20 (3) FUNDING.—Of the amounts appropriated
21 under section 6, the Secretary shall reserve
22 \$500,000,000 to carry out this subsection.

23 (b) SURVEILLANCE AND REPORTING OF ANTIBIOTIC
24 USE AND RESISTANCE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
2 through the Director of the Centers for Disease
3 Control and Prevention, shall use the National
4 Healthcare Safety Network and other appropriate
5 surveillance systems to assess—

6 (A) appropriate conditions, outcomes, and
7 measures causally related to antibacterial resist-
8 ance, including types of infections, the causes
9 for infections, and whether infections are ac-
10 quired in a community or hospital setting, in-
11 creased lengths of hospital stay, increased costs,
12 and rates of mortality; and

13 (B) changes in bacterial resistance to anti-
14 microbial drugs in relation to patient outcomes,
15 including changes in percent resistance, preva-
16 lence of antibiotic-resistant infections, and other
17 such changes.

18 (2) ANTIBIOTIC USE DATA.—The Secretary,
19 acting through the Director of the Centers for Dis-
20 ease Control and Prevention, shall work with Fed-
21 eral agencies (including the Department of Veterans
22 Affairs, the Department of Defense, the Department
23 of Homeland Security, the Bureau of Prisons, the
24 Indian Health Service, and the Centers for Medicare
25 & Medicaid Services), private vendors, health care

1 organizations, pharmacy benefit managers, and
2 other entities as appropriate to obtain reliable and
3 comparable human antibiotic drug consumption data
4 (including, as available and appropriate, volume an-
5 tibiotic distribution data and antibiotic use data, in-
6 cluding prescription data) by State or metropolitan
7 areas.

8 (3) ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE TREND DATA.—
9 The Secretary, acting through the Director of the
10 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall in-
11 tensify and expand efforts to collect antibiotic resist-
12 ance data and encourage adoption of the antibiotic
13 resistance and use module within the National
14 Healthcare Safety Network among all health care fa-
15 cilities across the continuum of care, including, as
16 appropriate, acute care hospitals, dialysis facilities,
17 nursing homes, ambulatory surgical centers, and
18 other ambulatory health care settings in which anti-
19 microbial drugs are routinely prescribed. The Sec-
20 retary shall seek to collect such data from electronic
21 medication administration reports and laboratory
22 systems to produce the reports described in para-
23 graph (4).

24 (4) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF DATA.—The Sec-
25 retary, acting through the Director of the Centers

1 for Disease Control and Prevention, shall, for the
2 purposes of improving the monitoring of important
3 trends in patient outcomes in relation to anti-
4 bacterial resistance—

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

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

11 **SEC. 6. APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this Act, there are
13 hereby appropriated to the Secretary, out of amounts in
14 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
15 \$11,000,000,000, for fiscal year 2021, to remain available
16 until expended.

17 (b) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—

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

22 (2) DESIGNATION IN SENATE.—In the Senate,
23 this section is designated as an emergency require-
24 ment pursuant to section 4112(a) of H. Con. Res.

1 71 (115th Congress), the concurrent resolution on
2 the budget for fiscal year 2018.

3 **SEC. 7. STUDIES AND REPORTS.**

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

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

24 (c) REPORTS ON ANTIFUNGAL RESISTANCE AND
25 ANTIMICROBIAL PROPHYLACTICS.—Not later than 3 years

1 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of
2 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall pub-
3 lish—

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

6 (2) a report on antimicrobial prophylactics.

7 **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act—

9 (1) the term “antimicrobial drug”—

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

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

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

18 (B) excludes—

19 (i) any antifungal drug; and

20 (ii) any vaccine.

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

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