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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Public Health Service Act to give priority to expanding service applications from certain entities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Access to Community
5 Care Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. GIVING PRIORITY TO EXPANDING SERVICE APPLI-**
2 **CATIONS FROM CERTAIN ENTITIES.**

3 Section 330(e)(6)(B) of the Public Health Service
4 Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(e)(6)(B)) is amended by adding at
5 the end the following:

6 “(iv) PRIORITY FOR EXPANDING
7 SERVICE APPLICATIONS FROM CERTAIN
8 ENTITIES.—In carrying out clause (i), the
9 Secretary shall give special consideration
10 to expanded service applications from eligi-
11 ble entities that seek to provide services
12 described in subsection (b)(1) or (b)(2)
13 that serve an area that (as determined by
14 the Secretary)—

15 “(I) received a significant in-
16 crease in new patients due to the clo-
17 sure of a Federally qualified health
18 center (as defined in section 1861(aa)
19 of the Social Security Act) located
20 within or near such area during the
21 four-year period that precedes the
22 date on which the application is sub-
23 mitted;

24 “(II) is affected by a public
25 health emergency declared under sec-
26 tion 319 during the one-year period

1 that precedes the date on which the
2 application is submitted; or
3 “(III) is affected by a major dis-
4 aster or emergency declared by the
5 President under section 401 or 501,
6 respectively, of the Robert T. Stafford
7 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
8 ance Act during such one-year pe-
9 riod.”.