

# A Bill to Improve Access to Pediatric Care for Children from Low-Income Households

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   This bill will increase access to pediatric care for low-income families by  
2                   subsidizing the costs of pediatricians' wages and expenses in communities  
3                   with more than ten percent of adults at or below 125% of the  
4                   federally-defined poverty level. This amount is determined yearly for  
5                   persons and families by the US Department of Health and Human Services.  
6                   <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>
- 7   **SECTION 2.**   Funding for the pediatric office subsidiaries will be available to properly  
8                   licensed pediatric practitioners (M.D., D.O., D.N.P. or M.S.N) and their  
9                   nursing staff.
- 10 **SECTION 3.**   Funding will be redirected from funds previously apportioned to the  
11                   Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) for stateside military commissaries  
12                   and by ending Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) subsidies for fast food  
13                   corporations.
- 14                   A. These policies will be overseen and enforced by the US Department of  
15                   Health and Human Services.
- 16                   B. Military commissaries for active military personnel deployed outside  
17                   the United States will continue to provide pricing at 5% above costs for  
18                   groceries and other essential items.
- 19 **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on May 26, 2025.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Carroll High School*