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To amend title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to require project sponsors to offer substance use disorder treatment to persons admitted to emergency shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

Mr. BURCHETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Recovery First Housing Act".

SEC. 2. DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT REQUIREMENT.

Title IV, subtitle A, of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is amending by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 409. DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT REQUIREMENT.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Any project sponsor receiving funds under this title to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing shall offer substance use disorder treatment, including step-down treatment, to each person with a substance use disorder as determined by the project sponsor that such project sponsor admits to such emergency shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing.

''(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to a project sponsor who admits a person who is an unaccompanied minor.

''(c) DEFINITIONS.—

''(1) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT.—The term 'substance use disorder treatment' means an evidence-based substance use disorder intervention that—

''(A) is delivered by a licensed provider; and

''(B) provides an appropriate level of care consisting of medically supervised withdrawal

management, residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient treatment, medication-assisted treatment where clinically indicated, recovery housing with clinical support, or step-down treatment.

''(2) STEP-DOWN TREATMENT.—The term 'step-down treatment' means a structured, phased approach designed to transition unhoused individuals or individuals requiring medical intervention from intensive care to less intensive, community-based, outpatient services to promote recovery, stability, and self-sufficiency.''.

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