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To amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a public health education, awareness, and outreach campaign to enhance access to abortion services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York 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 “Abortion Care Aware-
5   ness Act of 2022”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON ACCESS TO ABORTION SERVICES.

Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 399V–7. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON ACCESS TO ABORTION SERVICES.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a coordinated, focused, national public health education, awareness, and outreach campaign to enhance access to abortion services.

“(b) CAMPAIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The campaign under subsection (a) shall—

“(1) include education, awareness, and outreach regarding—

“(A) where and how to access abortion services, including where and how to access medication abortion that is consistent with the label most recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration;

“(B) medically accurate information about medication abortion;

“(C) the right of patients to legally travel across State lines to obtain abortion services and related resources;
'(D) how to differentiate crisis pregnancy centers from abortion providers, including how to identify—

"(i) misleading claims by such centers about reproductive health care; and

"(ii) inaccurate, misleading, or stigmatizing information disseminated by such centers about the risks of abortion and contraception; and

"(E) how to identify misinformation regarding abortion services intended to deceive, or to discourage individuals from accessing such services; and

"(2) be designed to ensure cultural competency, efficacy, and accessibility for and within marginalized communities, including communities of color, immigrants, people with disabilities, people with low income, young people, LGBTQI+ people, and people living in rural or other medically underserved areas.

"(c) CAMPAIGN LIMITATIONS.—In carrying out the campaign under subsection (a), the Secretary shall not—

"(1) promote misinformation regarding the safety of abortion services;
“(2) promote abstinence-only-until-marriage education programs or other programs that are not comprehensive or medically accurate; or

“(3) collect, retain, use, or disclose personal information about visitors to any website, app, or other educational or campaign resource.

“(d) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the campaign under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

“(1) licensed health care professionals who are experts in reproductive health and abortion services, including medication abortion;

“(2) nonprofit organizations whose missions are focused on expanding reproductive rights and reproductive justice, including abortion funds;

“(3) State and local public health departments; and

“(4) nonprofit institutions of higher education.

“(e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘abortion services’ means an abortion and any medical or non-medical services related to and provided in conjunction with an abortion (whether or not provided at the same time or on the same day as the abortion).”.