

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 6087  
OFFERED BY MR. COURTNEY OF CONNECTICUT**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Access to  
3 Workers’ Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act  
4 of 2022”.

**5 SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND NURSE  
6 PRACTITIONERS IN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES’  
7 COMPENSATION ACT.**

8 (a) INCLUSION.—Section 8101 of title 5, United  
9 States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, other eligi-  
11 ble providers,” after “osteopathic practitioners”;

12 (2) by striking “and” at the end of paragraphs  
13 (18) and (19);

14 (3) by striking the period at the end of para-  
15 graph (20) and inserting “; and”; and

16 (4) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(21) ‘other eligible provider’ means a nurse  
2 practitioner or physician assistant within the scope  
3 of their practice as defined by State law.”.

4           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 81 of  
5 title 5, United States Code, is amended—

6           (1) in section 8103(a)—

7                 (A) by inserting “or other eligible pro-  
8 vider” after “physician” in each instance; and

9                 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “or  
10 other eligible providers” after “physicians”;

11           (2) in section 8121(6), by inserting “or other  
12 eligible provider” after “physician”; and

13           (3) in section 8123(a)—

14                 (A) by inserting “or other eligible pro-  
15 vider” after “The employee may have a physi-  
16 cian”; and

17                 (B) by inserting “or other eligible pro-  
18 vider” after “United States and the physician”.

19           (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 months after  
20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall final-  
21 ize rules to carry out the amendments made by this Act.

