

***Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for
Injured Federal Workers Act of 2024 (H.R. 618)***

Section 1. Short Title

This section states that the title of the bill is the "Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act of 2024."

Section 2. Inclusion of Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners in Federal Employees' Compensation Act

Under current law, federal employees seeking medical treatment under the *Federal Employees Compensation Act* (FECA) for work-related injuries are prohibited from getting FECA reimbursement for primary care services performed by Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners. This section does the following:

- Adds the term "other eligible providers" to the list of FECA definitions and defines the term to mean a Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant performing services authorized under state law;
- Permits "other eligible providers" to perform physical examinations and provide other services, to the extent authorized by state law, for federal employees pursuing a claim under FECA; and
- Allows "other eligible providers" to receive reimbursement from the Department of Labor for services rendered to FECA claimants.

This section also includes several other technical conforming amendments to 5 U.S.C. Ch. 81 and directs the Secretary of Labor to finalize rules related to this Act within six months of enactment of this Act.