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To amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to allow leave for individuals who give living organ donations, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to paying travel and subsistence expenses that are incurred by individuals in donating or receiving of organs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. THURMAN (for herself, Mr. STARK, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, and Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, Government Reform, House Administration, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Living Organ Donation
3 Incentives Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE.**

5 (a) CIVILIAN POPULATION.—

6 (1) LEAVE REQUIREMENT.—Section 102(a) of
7 the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29
8 U.S.C. 2612(a)) is amended by adding at the end
9 the following:

10 “(E) to provide a living organ donation, in-
11 cluding time spent for—

12 “(i) tests used to determine if the live
13 donor is medically suitable to donate;

14 “(ii) physical, psychological, and social
15 evaluations of the live donor;

16 “(iii) pre-transplant outpatient serv-
17 ices;

18 “(iv) post-operative inpatient and out-
19 patient transplantation services;

20 “(v) travel in connection with tests,
21 evaluations, and services described in
22 clauses (i) through (iv); and

23 “(vi) recuperation consistent with the
24 type of transplant.”.

25 (2) CONFORMING.—

1 (A) SECTION 102.—Sections 102(b) and
2 102(e) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 2612(b), (e)) are
3 each amended by striking “(C) or (D)” each
4 place it occurs and inserting “(C), (D), or (E)”.

5 (B) SECTION 102(b).—Sections 102(b)(2)
6 and 102(e)(2) of such Act (29 U.S.C.
7 2612(b)(2), 2612(e)(2))) are each amended by
8 inserting “, including living organ donation”
9 after “treatment”.

10 (B) SECTION 103.—Section 103 of such
11 Act (29 U.S.C. 2613) is amended—

12 (A) in subsection (b)(4), by striking “and”
13 at the end of subparagraph (A), by striking the
14 period at the end of subparagraph (B) and in-
15 serting “; and”, and by adding at the end the
16 following:

17 “(C) for purposes of leave under section
18 6382(a)(1)(E), a statement that the employee is unable
19 to perform the functions of the position of the employee.”;

20 (B) in subsection (b)(5), by inserting “or
21 living organ donation” after “treatment” each
22 place it appears; and

23 (C) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “(C)
24 or (D)” and inserting “(C), (D), or (E)”.

1 (C) SECTION 104(a).—Section 104(a)(4)
 2 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 2614(a)(4)) is amended
 3 by inserting “or section 102(a)(1)(E)” after
 4 “(D)”.

5 (D) SECTION 104(c).—Section 104(c)(2)
 6 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 2614(c)(2)) is amended
 7 by striking “(C) or (D)” and inserting “(C),
 8 (D), or (E)” and section 104(c)(3)(A) is
 9 amended by striking “or” at the end of clause
 10 (i), by striking the period at the end of clause
 11 (ii) and inserting “; or”, and by adding at the
 12 end the following:

13 “(iii) a certification issued by the
 14 health care provider of the eligible em-
 15 ployee, in the case of an employee unable
 16 to return to work because of a condition
 17 specified in section 102(a)(1)(E).”;
 18 and section 104(c)(3)(C)(i) of such Act (29
 19 U.S.C. 2614(c)(3)(C)(i)) is amended by insert-
 20 ing “or (A)(iii)” after “(ii)”.

21 (E) SECTION 108.—Section 108(c)(1) of
 22 such Act (29 U.S.C. 2618(c)(1)) is amended by
 23 striking “(C) or (D)” and inserting “(C), (D),
 24 or (E)” and by inserting “, including living

1 organ donation” after “treatment” each place
2 it occurs.

3 (b) FEDERAL POPULATION.—

4 (1) LEAVE REQUIREMENT.—Section 6382(a)(1)
5 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding
6 at the end the following:

7 “(E) to provide a living organ donation, includ-
8 ing time spent for—

9 “(i) tests used to determine if the live
10 donor is medically suitable to donate;

11 “(ii) physical, psychological, and social
12 evaluations of the live donor;

13 “(iii) post-operative inpatient and out-
14 patient transplantation services;

15 “(iv) pre-transplant outpatient services;

16 “(v) travel in connection with tests, evalua-
17 tions, and services described in clauses (i)
18 through (iv); and

19 “(vi) recuperation consistent with the type
20 of transplant.”.

21 (2) CONFORMING.—

22 (A) SECTION 6382(b)(2).—Section
23 6382(b)(2) of such title is amended by striking
24 “(C) or (D)” and inserting “(C), (D), or (E)”.

1 (B) SECTION 6382(d).—Section 6382(d)
2 of such title is amended by striking “or (D)”
3 and inserting “(D), or (E)”.

4 (C) SECTION 6382(e)(2).—Section
5 6382(e)(2) of such title is amended by striking
6 “(C) or (D)” and inserting “(C), (D), or (E)”.

7 (D) SECTION 6383(a).—Section 6383(a)
8 of such title is amended by striking “(C) or
9 (D)” and inserting “(C), (D), or (E)”.

10 (E) SECTION 6833(b)(4).—Section
11 6833(b)(4) of such title is amended by striking
12 “and” at the end of subparagraph (A), by strik-
13 ing the period at the end of subparagraph (B)
14 and inserting “; and”, and by adding at the end
15 the following:

16 “(C) for purposes of leave under section
17 6382(a)(1)(E), a statement that the employee is unable
18 to perform the functions of the position of the employee.”.

19 (F) SECTION 6833(b)(5).—Section
20 6833(b)(5) of such title is amended by inserting
21 “, including living organ donation” after “treat-
22 ment”.

23 (G) SECTION 6384(d).—Section 6384(d)
24 of such title is amended by inserting “or section
25 6382(a)(1)(E)” after “(D)”.

1 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR PAYMENT OF TRAVEL**
2 **AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES INCURRED TO-**
3 **WARD DONATION OR RECEIPT OF ORGANS.**

4 Part H of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
5 273 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating section 378 as section 379;

7 and

8 (2) by inserting after section 377 the following
9 section:

10 “PAYMENT OF TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES
11 REGARDING ORGAN DONATION

12 “SEC. 378. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
13 carry out a national program of making awards of grants
14 or contracts to States, transplant centers, qualified organ
15 procurement organizations under section 371, or other
16 public or private entities for the purpose of providing for
17 the payment of travel and subsistence expenses incurred
18 by individuals, or as applicable their families, toward mak-
19 ing or receiving donations of organs.

20 “(b) CERTAIN CRITERIA.—In establishing criteria for
21 carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary may include the
22 following:

23 “(1) In addition to the payment of travel and
24 subsistence expenses, the criteria may provide for
25 the payment of such additional nonmedical expenses
26 as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

1 “(2) The criteria may provide that the individ-
2 uals for whom qualifying expenses are paid will in-
3 clude individuals, or as applicable their families, who
4 in good faith incur such expenses toward the in-
5 tended donating or receiving of an organ but with
6 respect to whom, for such reasons as the Secretary
7 determines to be appropriate, no donating or receiv-
8 ing of the organ occurs.

9 “(c) RELATIONSHIP TO PAYMENTS UNDER OTHER
10 PROGRAMS.—A grant may be made under subsection (a)
11 only if the applicant involved agrees that the grant will
12 not be expended to pay qualifying expenses for an indi-
13 vidual to the extent that payment has been made, or can
14 reasonably be expected to be made, with respect to such
15 expenses—

16 “(1) under any State compensation program,
17 under an insurance policy, or under any Federal or
18 State health benefits program; or

19 “(2) by an entity that provides health services
20 on a prepaid basis.

21 “(d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
22 term ‘qualifying expenses’, with respect to donating or re-
23 ceiving an organ, means travel and subsistence expenses,
24 and such additional nonmedical expenses as may be des-
25 ignated under subsection (b)(1).

1 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
 2 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
 3 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for
 4 each of the fiscal years 2000 through 2004.”.

5 **SEC. 4. INCREASE IN PAYMENT AMOUNT FOR RENAL DI-**
 6 **ALYSIS SERVICES FURNISHED UNDER THE**
 7 **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1881(b)(7) of the Social
 9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395rr(b)(7)) is amended by add-
 10 ing at the end the following new flush sentence:

11 “The Secretary shall increase the amount of each com-
 12 posite rate payment for dialysis services furnished on or
 13 after January 1, 2000, by 2.9 percent above such com-
 14 posite rate payment amounts for such services furnished
 15 on December 31, 1999.”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 9335(a) of the Om-
 18 nibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C.
 19 1395rr note) is amended by striking paragraph (1).

20 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
 21 by paragraph (1) shall take effect on January 1,
 22 2000.

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