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S. 1390

To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to promote innovative outreach and enrollment efforts under the State children's health insurance program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2001

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. CORZINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Children’s Health Cov-
5 erage Improvement Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO PROMOTE INNOVATIVE OUTREACH AND**
 2 **ENROLLMENT EFFORTS UNDER SCHIP.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(f) of the Social Se-
 4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(f)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting
 6 the following:

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
 8 the Secretary”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(2) GRANTS TO PROMOTE INNOVATIVE OUT-
 11 REACH AND ENROLLMENT EFFORTS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Prior to any redis-
 13 tribution under paragraph (1) of unexpended
 14 allotments made to States under subsection (b)
 15 or (c) for fiscal year 2000 and any fiscal year
 16 thereafter, the Secretary shall—

17 “(i) reserve from such unexpended al-
 18 lotments the lesser of \$100,000,000 or the
 19 total amount of such unexpended allot-
 20 ments for grants under this paragraph for
 21 the fiscal year in which the redistribution
 22 occurs; and

23 “(ii) subject to subparagraph (B), use
 24 such reserved funds to make grants to
 25 local and community-based public or non-
 26 profit organizations (including organiza-

tions involved in pediatric advocacy, local and county governments, public health departments, Federally-qualified health centers, children’s hospitals, and hospitals defined as disproportionate share hospitals under the State plan under title XIX) to conduct innovative outreach and enrollment efforts that are consistent with section 2102(c) and to promote parents’ understanding of the importance of health insurance coverage for children.

“(B) PRIORITY FOR GRANTS IN CERTAIN AREAS.—In making grants under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Secretary shall give priority to grant applicants that propose to target the outreach and enrollment efforts funded under the grant to geographic areas—

“(i) with high rates of eligible but unenrolled children, including such children who reside in rural areas; or

“(ii) with high rates of families for whom English is not their primary language.

“(C) APPLICATIONS.—An organization that desires to receive a grant under this para-

1 graph shall submit an application to the Sec-
2 retary in such form and manner, and con-
3 taining such information, as the Secretary may
4 decide.”.

5 (b) EXTENDING USE OF OUTSTATIONED WORKERS
6 TO ACCEPT TITLE XXI APPLICATIONS.—Section
7 1902(a)(55) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(55)) is
8 amended by inserting “, and applications for child health
9 assistance under title XXI” after “(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX)”.

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