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Referred to the Committee on Government Reform

AN ACT

To provide for health benefits coverage under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, for individuals enrolled in a plan administered by the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes.

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. CONTINUATION OF HEALTH BENEFITS COV-**
 2 **ERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN A**
 3 **PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE OVERSEAS PRI-**
 4 **VATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION.**

5 (a) ENROLLMENT IN CHAPTER 89 PLAN.—For pur-
 6 poses of the administration of chapter 89 of title 5, United
 7 States Code, any period of enrollment under a health bene-
 8 fits plan administered by the Overseas Private Investment
 9 Corporation before the effective date of this Act shall be
 10 deemed to be a period of enrollment in a health benefits
 11 plan under chapter 89 of such title.

12 (b) CONTINUED COVERAGE.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any individual who, on June
 14 30, 2002, is covered by a health benefits plan ad-
 15 ministered by the Overseas Private Investment Cor-
 16 poration may enroll in an approved health benefits
 17 plan described under section 8903 or 8903a of title
 18 5, United States Code—

19 (A) either as an individual or for self and
 20 family, if such individual is an employee, annu-
 21 itant, or former spouse as defined under section
 22 8901 of such title; and

23 (B) for coverage effective on and after
 24 June 30, 2002.

25 (2) INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY UNDER CONTIN-
 26 UED COVERAGE.—An individual who, on June 30,

1 2002, is entitled to continued coverage under a
2 health benefits plan administered by the Overseas
3 Private Investment Corporation—

4 (A) shall be deemed to be entitled to con-
5 tinued coverage under section 8905a of title 5,
6 United States Code, for the same period that
7 would have been permitted under the plan ad-
8 ministered by the Overseas Private Investment
9 Corporation; and

10 (B) may enroll in an approved health bene-
11 fits plan described under section 8903 or 8903a
12 of such title in accordance with section 8905a
13 of such title for coverage effective on and after
14 June 30, 2002.

15 (3) UNMARRIED DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—An
16 individual who, on June 30, 2002, is covered as an
17 unmarried dependent child under a health benefits
18 plan administered by the Overseas Private Invest-
19 ment Corporation and who is not a member of fam-
20 ily as defined under section 8901(5) of title 5,
21 United States Code—

22 (A) shall be deemed to be entitled to con-
23 tinued coverage under section 8905a of such
24 title as though the individual had, on June 30,
25 2002, ceased to meet the requirements for

1 being considered an unmarried dependent child
2 under chapter 89 of such title; and

3 (B) may enroll in an approved health bene-
4 fits plan described under section 8903 or 8903a
5 of such title in accordance with section 8905a
6 for continued coverage effective on and after
7 June 30, 2002.

8 (c) TRANSFERS TO THE EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENE-
9 FITS FUND.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Overseas Private In-
11 vestment Corporation shall transfer to the Employ-
12 ees Health Benefits Fund established under section
13 8909 of title 5, United States Code, amounts deter-
14 mined by the Director of the Office of Personnel
15 Management, after consultation with the Overseas
16 Private Investment Corporation, to be necessary to
17 reimburse the Fund for the cost of providing bene-
18 fits under this section not otherwise paid for by the
19 individuals covered by this section.

20 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—The amounts
21 transferred under paragraph (1) shall be held in the
22 Fund and used by the Office in addition to amounts
23 available under section 8906(g)(1) of title 5, United
24 States Code.

1 (d) ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATIONS.—The Of-
 2 fice of Personnel Management—

3 (1) shall administer this section to provide
 4 for—

5 (A) a period of notice and open enrollment
 6 for individuals affected by this section; and

7 (B) no lapse of health coverage for individ-
 8 uals who enroll in a health benefits plan under
 9 chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, in ac-
 10 cordance with this section; and

11 (2) may prescribe regulations to implement this
 12 section.

Passed the Senate October 17, 2002.

Attest:

JERI THOMSON,

Secretary.