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H. R. 2934

To authorize Federal payment to emergency ambulance and medical services providers for the cost of uncompensated care of aliens aided by the border patrol or other Federal immigration official.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 16, 2005

Mr. FILNER (for himself, Mr. KOLBE, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. FLAKE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Pay for All Your Un-
5 documented Procedures (PAY UP!) Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZING FEDERAL PAYMENT TO EMERGENCY**
2 **AMBULANCE AND MEDICAL SERVICES PRO-**
3 **VIDERS FOR THE COST OF UNCOMPENSATED**
4 **CARE OF ALIENS AIDED BY THE BORDER PA-**
5 **TROL OR OTHER FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OF-**
6 **FICIAL.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case described in sub-
8 section (b), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall,
9 from amounts appropriated under subsection (c), provide
10 payment to the hospital, health clinic, or other provider
11 of the ambulance or other emergency services described
12 in subsection (b) appropriate reimbursement for the costs
13 of such emergency services, but only to the extent that
14 such costs are not otherwise reimbursed through any Fed-
15 eral program and cannot be recovered from the alien or
16 another person.

17 (b) CASE OF INJURED ALIEN DESCRIBED.—A case
18 described in this subsection is the case of an alien to whom
19 a border patrol officer or other Federal immigration offi-
20 cial provides assistance in any form, directly or indirectly,
21 in seeking or obtaining emergency medical assistance, in-
22 cluding contacting an ambulance service for the transport
23 of the alien to an appropriate medical facility for the re-
24 ceipt of emergency services.

25 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
26 are authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year, be-

- 1 ginning with fiscal year 2006, such sums as may be nec-
- 2 essary to carry out this section.

