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To establish a grant program for individuals still suffering health effects as a result of the September 11, 2001, attacks in New York City and at the Pentagon.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2007

Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. WEINER) 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 “9/11 Heroes Health
5 Improvement Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR 9/11-RELATED HEALTH CARE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
9 retary”), acting through the Director of the Centers for

1 Disease Control and Prevention, shall award grants to eli-
2 gible entities to provide medical and mental health moni-
3 toring, tracking, and treatment to individuals whose
4 health has been directly impacted as a result of the attacks
5 on New York City and at the Pentagon on September 11,
6 2001.

7 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a
9 grant under subsection (a), an entity shall—

10 (A) be an entity—

11 (i) that serves individuals described in
12 subsection (a), including—

13 (I) entities providing baseline and
14 follow-up screening, clinical examina-
15 tions, or long-term medical or mental
16 health monitoring, analysis, or treat-
17 ment to such individuals such as the
18 Mount Sinai Center for Occupational
19 and Environmental Medicine of New
20 York City, the World Trade Center
21 Environmental Health Center at
22 Bellevue Hospital, the New York City
23 Fire Department’s Bureau of Health
24 Services and Counseling Services
25 Unit, the New York City Police Foun-

1 dation’s Project COPE, the Police Or-
2 ganization Providing Peer Assistance
3 of New York City, and the New York
4 City Department of Health and Men-
5 tal Hygiene’s World Trade Center
6 Health Registry; and

7 (II) any entity performing med-
8 ical and mental health monitoring,
9 tracking, or treatment of any indi-
10 vidual that responded to the attacks
11 at the Pentagon; or

12 (ii) an entity not described in clause
13 (i) that provides similar services to the in-
14 dividuals described in such clause; and

15 (B) submit to the Secretary an application
16 at such time, in such manner, and containing
17 such information as the Secretary may require.

18 (2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—Individuals eligi-
19 ble to receive assistance from an entity under a
20 grant under this section shall include firefighters,
21 police officers, paramedics, workers, volunteers, resi-
22 dents, students, and any other individual who
23 worked at Ground Zero, Fresh Kills, or the Pen-
24 tagon or who lived or worked in the vicinity of such
25 areas, and whose health has deteriorated as a result

1 of the attacks described in subsection (a), and who
2 have been evaluated by a physician or mental health
3 professional for 9/11-related health conditions and
4 need treatment for such conditions.

5 (c) PRIORITY IN AWARDING ASSISTANCE.—An eligi-
6 ble entity that receives a grant under this section shall
7 use amounts provided under such grant to provide assist-
8 ance to individuals in the following order of priority:

9 (1) Individuals who are not covered under
10 health insurance coverage.

11 (2) Individuals who need health care assistance
12 beyond what their health insurance coverage pro-
13 vides.

14 (3) Individuals with insufficient health care in-
15 surance coverage.

16 (4) Individuals who are in need of health care
17 coverage and who are not described in any of para-
18 graphs (1) through (3).

19 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date
20 of enactment of this Act, and monthly thereafter, the Di-
21 rector of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
22 shall submit to the majority and minority leaders of the
23 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
24 the minority leader of the House of Representatives, a re-
25 port on the use of funds under this section.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
3 appropriated to carry out this section,
4 \$1,914,000,000 for fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

5 (2) STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION.—The Sec-
6 retary may use not to exceed \$10,000,000 of the
7 amount appropriated under paragraph (1) for staff-
8 ing and administrative expenses related to the imple-
9 mentation of this section.

10 (3) USE OF OTHER FUNDS.—The Secretary
11 may use any funds appropriated to the Department
12 of Health and Human Services, or any other funds
13 specifically designated, to carry out this section.

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