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# H. R. 1518

To allow employees of Federally-qualified health centers to obtain health coverage under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2007

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## 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. ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
5       sion of law, an employee of a qualified health center may  
6       enroll in an approved health benefits plan under chapter  
7       89 of title 5, United States Code—

8               (1) either as an individual or for self and fam-  
9       ily; and

1           (2) subject to exclusions similar to those re-  
2           ferred to in section 8901(1)(iv) of such title.

3           (b) QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER DEFINED.—For  
4           purposes of this section, the term “qualified health center”  
5           means any entity that—

6           (1) meets the definition of a Federally-qualified  
7           health center, as set forth in section 1905(l)(2)(B)  
8           of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
9           1396d(l)(2)(B)); and

10          (2) enters into an appropriate agreement with  
11          the Office of Personnel Management under this sec-  
12          tion.

13          (c) TRANSFERS TO THE EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENE-  
14          FITS FUND.—A qualified health center shall transfer to  
15          the Employees Health Benefits Fund established under  
16          section 8909 of title 5, United States Code, amounts de-  
17          termined by the Director of the Office of Personnel Man-  
18          agement (after consultation with such center) to be equal  
19          to—

20          (1) the Government contributions which would  
21          be payable by such center under section 8906 of  
22          such title if such center were an employing agency  
23          (as referred to in such section); and

24          (2) the individual contributions—

1 (A) which would be payable under such  
2 section 8906—

3 (i) by each employee in or under such  
4 center who is enrolled in an approved  
5 health benefits plan (as referred to in sub-  
6 section (a)); and

7 (ii) by reason of the enrollment (as re-  
8 ferred to in clause (i)); and

9 (B) which shall be deducted and withheld  
10 ratably from the pay of each such employee.

11 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Office of Personnel Man-  
12 agement may prescribe regulations to carry out this sec-  
13 tion.

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