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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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.

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-

1 retary”), acting through the Director of the Centers for
2 Disease Control and Prevention, shall award grants to eli-
3 gible entities to provide medical and mental health moni-
4 toring, tracking, and treatment to individuals whose
5 health has been directly impacted as a result of the attacks
6 on New York City and at the Pentagon on September 11,
7 2001.

8 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—

11 (A) be an entity—

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

(I) entities providing baseline and follow-up screening, clinical examinations, or long-term medical or mental health monitoring, analysis, or treatment to such individuals such as the Mount Sinai Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine of New York City, the New York City Fire Department's Bureau of Health Services and Counseling Services Unit, the New York City Police Foundation's Project COPE, the Police Organiza-

1 tion Providing Peer Assistance of New
2 York City, and the New York City
3 Department of Health and Mental
4 Hygiene's World Trade Center Health
5 Registry; and

6 (II) any entity performing medical and mental health monitoring,
7 tracking, or treatment of any individual that responded to the attacks
8 at the Pentagon; or
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11 (ii) an entity not described in clause
12 (i) that provides similar services to the in-
13 dividuals described in such clause; and

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

1 evaluated by a physician or mental health profes-
2 sional for 9/11-related health conditions and need
3 treatment for such conditions.

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

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

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

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

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

18 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date
19 of enactment of this Act, and monthly thereafter, the Di-
20 rector of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
21 shall submit to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the
22 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
23 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, a
24 report on the use of funds under this section.

25 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

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