

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 963

To assist low-income individuals in obtaining medically recommended dental care.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2013

Ms. DEGETTE (for herself and Mr. STIVERS) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To assist low-income individuals in obtaining medically recommended dental care.

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 “Coordination of Pro  
5 Bono Medically Recommended Dental Care Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS OR CONTRACTS TO FACILITATE LOW-IN-**  
7 **COME ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE.**

8 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act  
9 is amended by inserting after section 317M (42 U.S.C.  
10 247b–14a) the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 317M-1. GRANTS OR CONTRACTS TO FACILITATE**  
2 **LOW-INCOME ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE.**

3 “(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall award competi-  
4 tive grants to, or enter into contracts with, eligible entities  
5 to maximize the number of eligible low-income individuals  
6 receiving dental care.

7 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity shall use amounts  
8 received under a grant or contract under this section to  
9 fund the employment costs of a program to—

10 “(1) coordinate the provision of free, medically  
11 recommended dental care to eligible low-income indi-  
12 viduals by volunteer dentists in a manner consistent  
13 with State licensing laws; and

14 “(2) verify the medical, dental, and financial  
15 needs of eligible low-income individuals who may be  
16 eligible for such dental services.

17 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—

18 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—To be eligible to re-  
19 ceive a grant or contract under subsection (a), an  
20 entity shall—

21 “(A) be an entity that is exempt from tax  
22 under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue  
23 Code of 1986;

24 “(B) provide for the participation of eligi-  
25 ble individuals in a free dental services pro-  
26 gram; and

1           “(C) submit to the Secretary an applica-  
2           tion at such time, in such manner, and con-  
3           taining such information as the Secretary may  
4           require.

5           “(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—To be eligible to  
6           participate in a program described in paragraph  
7           (1)(B), an individual shall be—

8                   “(A) an adult individual entitled to bene-  
9                   fits under part A of title XVIII of the Social  
10                  Security Act;

11                  “(B) an individual enrolled in part B of  
12                  title XVIII of such Act;

13                  “(C) an individual enrolled in a State plan  
14                  or waiver under title XIX of such Act; or

15                  “(D) an individual enrolled in a State child  
16                  health plan under title XXI of such Act or  
17                  under an approved waiver of such plan.

18           “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
19           is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,  
20           \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.”.

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