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To reduce health care costs and promote improved health by providing supplemental grants for additional preventive health services for women.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. REED) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “WISEWOMAN Ex-
5 pansion Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) Heart disease, stroke, and other cardio-
9 vascular diseases remain the leading cause of death

1 among females in the United States, killing more
2 than 500,000 women each year.

3 (2) About 1 in 5 females have some form of
4 cardiovascular disease, killing more American women
5 than the next 14 causes of death combined.

6 (3) In women, cardiovascular disease is fre-
7 quently undetected and untreated until the disease
8 has become severe, causing 38 percent of women
9 who have heart attacks to die within 1 year.

10 (4) Obesity increases women's risk for some of
11 the leading causes of death: heart disease, stroke, di-
12 abetes, and certain cancers.

13 (5) Better nutrition and lifestyle changes can
14 effectively prevent and treat obesity.

15 (6) Osteoporosis afflicts more than 20,000,000
16 American women.

17 (7) More than $\frac{1}{2}$ of all women over 65 have
18 osteoporosis.

19 (8) One out of every 2 women over 50 will have
20 an osteoporosis-related fracture during her lifetime.

21 (9) The national annual costs associated with
22 osteoporosis are estimated at \$14,000,000,000.

23 (10) Physical activity is necessary for bone ac-
24 quisition and maintenance throughout adulthood.

1 (11) Muscular strengthen and balance may be
2 very significant in future risk reduction for
3 osteoporosis.

4 (12) There is consensus that adequate vitamin
5 D and calcium intakes are required for bone health.

6 (13) Research has demonstrated that—

7 (A) the uninsured often have significantly
8 poorer health than the insured; and

9 (B) being uninsured is an obstacle to re-
10 ceiving preventive health care services.

11 (14) The WISEWOMAN program has—

12 (A) provided one-stop shopping for preven-
13 tive health services such as cholesterol and
14 blood pressure screening for close to 8000
15 women and identified risk factors for heart dis-
16 ease such as obesity, high cholesterol, high
17 blood pressure, sedentary behavior and poor
18 diet; and

19 (B) found that many of the women
20 screened have returned for additional interven-
21 tions and follow-up, resulting in improved
22 weight management, lower blood pressure and
23 lower cholesterol.

24 (15) Expansion of the WISEWOMAN model
25 program to additional States would help reduce

1 women’s risk of illness and death from heart disease
2 and other preventable diseases and provide further
3 insights into the feasibility and effectiveness of mak-
4 ing comprehensive, integrated preventive services
5 available to low-income and uninsured women.

6 **SEC. 3. SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS FOR ADDITIONAL PRE-**
7 **VENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES FOR WOMEN.**

8 Section 1509 of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 300n–4a) is amended to read as follows:

10 **“SEC. 1509. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM FOR ADDI-**
11 **TIONAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
13 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
14 vention, may, through a competitive review process, award
15 grants to States that have received grants under section
16 1501 for a fiscal year, to enable such State to carry out
17 programs—

18 “(1) to provide preventive health services, in ad-
19 dition to the services authorized in such section
20 1501, for diseases such as cardiovascular diseases,
21 osteoporosis, and obesity;

22 “(2) to provide screenings, such as screening
23 for blood pressure, cholesterol, and osteoporosis, and
24 other services that the Secretary, acting through the

1 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
2 vention, determines to be appropriate and feasible;

3 “(3) for health education, counseling, and inter-
4 ventions for behavioral risk factors, such as physical
5 inactivity and poor nutrition, and diseases referred
6 to in paragraph (1);

7 “(4) to provide appropriate referrals for medical
8 treatment of women receiving services pursuant to
9 paragraph (1) through (3), and ensuring, to the ex-
10 tent practicable, the provision of appropriate follow-
11 up services; and

12 “(5) to evaluate the activities conducted under
13 paragraphs (1) through (4) through appropriate sur-
14 veillance, research, or program monitoring activities.

15 “(b) STATUS AS PARTICIPANT IN PROGRAM REGARD-
16 ING BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER.—The Secretary
17 may not make a grant to a State under subsection (a)
18 unless the State involved agrees that services under the
19 grant will be provided in conjunction with entities that are
20 screening women for breast or cervical cancer pursuant
21 to a grant under section 1501.

22 “(c) APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS.—The provi-
23 sions of this title shall apply to a grant under subsection
24 (a) to the same extent and in the same manner as such
25 provisions apply to a grant under section 1501.

1 “(d) FUNDING.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
3 appropriate to carry out this section—

4 “(A) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2001;

5 “(B) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2002;

6 “(C) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2003; and

7 “(D) such sums as may be necessary for
8 each subsequent fiscal year.

9 “(2) LIMITATION REGARDING FUNDING WITH
10 RESPECT TO BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER.—No
11 additional resources shall be appropriated for a fis-
12 cal year under paragraph (1) unless the amount ap-
13 propriated under section 1510(a) for such fiscal year
14 is at least \$158,000,000.”.

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