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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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. KENNEDY) 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 “9/11 Heroes Health
5 Improvement Act of 2006”.

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 New York City Fire
 21 Department’s Bureau of Health Serv-
 22 ices and Counseling Services Unit, the
 23 New York City Police Foundation’s
 24 Project COPE, the Police Organiza-
 25 tion Providing Peer Assistance of New

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

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

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

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

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

1 sional for 9/11-related health conditions and need
2 treatment for such conditions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
2 appropriated to carry out this section,
3 \$1,914,000,000 for fiscal years 2007 through 2011.

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

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

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