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H. R. 4091

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2012

Ms. DEGETTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 2013 through 2017.”.

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