

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2959

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 2017

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Child Health Outreach  
5 and Mentorship Program Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OUTREACH AND ENROLLMENT GRANTS UNDER**  
2 **CHIP.**

3 (a) **EXTENSION AND REAUTHORIZATION.**—

4 (1) **EXTENSION.**—Section 2113(a) of the Social  
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397mm(a)) is amended by  
6 striking “2017” and inserting “2023”.

7 (2) **REAUTHORIZATION.**—Section 2113(g) of  
8 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397mm(a)) is  
9 amended by striking “\$140,000,000 for the period  
10 of fiscal years 2009 through 2015 and \$40,000,000  
11 for the period of fiscal years 2016 and 2017” and  
12 inserting the following: “\$40,000,000 for the period  
13 of fiscal years 2016 and 2017 and \$20,000,000 for  
14 each of fiscal years 2018 through 2023”.

15 (b) **MAKING PARENT MENTORS ELIGIBLE TO RE-**  
16 **CEIVE GRANTS.**—Section 2113(f) of the Social Security  
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 1397mm(f)) is amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the  
19 following new subparagraph:

20 “(H) Parent mentors.”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
22 paragraph:

23 “(5) **PARENT MENTOR.**—The term ‘parent  
24 mentor’ means an individual who—

1           “(A) is a parent or guardian of at least  
2 one child who is an eligible child under this title  
3 or title XIX; and

4           “(B) is trained to assist families with chil-  
5 dren who have no health insurance coverage  
6 with respect to improving the social deter-  
7 minants of the health of such children, includ-  
8 ing by providing—

9           “(i) education about health insurance  
10 coverage, including, with respect to obtain-  
11 ing such coverage, eligibility criteria and  
12 application and renewal processes;

13           “(ii) assistance with completing and  
14 submitting applications for health insur-  
15 ance coverage;

16           “(iii) a liaison between families and  
17 representatives of State plans under title  
18 XIX or State child health plans under this  
19 title;

20           “(iv) guidance on identifying medical  
21 and dental homes and community phar-  
22 macies for children; and

23           “(v) assistance and referrals to suc-  
24 cessfully address social determinants of

1 children's health, including poverty, food  
2 insufficiency, and housing.”.

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