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

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Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ROTHMAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) Heart disease, stroke, and other cardio-
2 vascular diseases remain the leading cause of death
3 among females in the United States, killing almost
4 500,000 women each year.

5 (2) About 1 in 3 females have some form of
6 cardiovascular disease.

7 (3) In women, cardiovascular disease is fre-
8 quently undetected and untreated until the disease
9 has become severe, causing 42 percent of women
10 who have heart attacks to die within 1 year.

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

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

16 (6) Osteoporosis is a major public health threat
17 for an estimated 44 million Americans.

18 (7) Eighty percent of those affected by
19 osteoporosis are women.

20 (8) One out of every 2 women over the age of
21 50 will have an osteoporosis-related fracture in her
22 lifetime.

23 (9) The rate of hip fractures is two to three
24 times higher in women than men.

1 (10) The direct expenditures for osteoporotic
2 fractures alone are estimated at 18 billion dollars
3 each year in 2002 dollars.

4 (11) Physical activity, calcium, and vitamin D
5 are major contributors to bone health for individuals
6 of all ages.

7 (12) Muscular strength and balance may be
8 very significant in future risk reduction for
9 osteoporosis.

10 (13) 20.8 million Americans have diabetes, and
11 over 224,000 people die each year from related com-
12 plications. Among adults in the United States, dia-
13 betes increased 61 percent from 1990 to 2001. Dia-
14 betes is the sixth leading cause of death in America.

15 (14) Approximately 8.8 percent of all women
16 over the age of 20 in the United States have diabe-
17 tes, but one-third of them are unaware of it.

18 (15) The risk for cardiovascular disease, the
19 most common complication attributable to diabetes,
20 is more serious among women than men. Deaths
21 from heart disease in women with diabetes have in-
22 creased 23 percent over the past 30 years.

23 (16) The direct and indirect costs of diabetes
24 are over \$132 billion a year.

1 (17) Better nutrition, physical activity, control
2 of blood glucose levels, and access to services can
3 delay the progression of diabetes. In fact, recent
4 findings show that modest, consistent physical activ-
5 ity and a healthy diet can cut a person’s risk for de-
6 veloping type-2 diabetes by nearly 60 percent.

7 (18) The WISEWOMAN program has—

8 (A) provided one-stop shopping for preven-
9 tive health services such as cholesterol and
10 blood pressure screening for more than 12,000
11 women and identified risk factors for heart dis-
12 ease such as obesity, high cholesterol, high
13 blood pressure, sedentary behavior, and poor
14 diet; and

15 (B) identified more than 5,783 cases of
16 previously undiagnosed hypertension, 6,286
17 cases of undiagnosed high cholesterol, and 800
18 cases of undiagnosed diabetes in women who
19 would have been unaware of their risk factors
20 if not for WISEWOMAN.

21 (19) Research has demonstrated that—

22 (A) the uninsured often have significantly
23 poorer health than the insured; and

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

1 **SEC. 3. SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS FOR ADDITIONAL PRE-**
2 **VENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES FOR WOMEN.**

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

5 **“SEC. 1509. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM FOR ADDI-**
6 **TIONAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
8 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
9 vention, may, through a competitive review process, award
10 grants to States that have received grants under section
11 1501 for a fiscal year, to enable such State to carry out
12 programs—

13 “(1) to provide preventive health services, in ad-
14 dition to the services authorized in such section
15 1501, for diseases such as cardiovascular diseases,
16 diabetes, osteoporosis, and obesity;

17 “(2) to provide screenings, such as screening
18 for blood pressure, cholesterol, osteoporosis, and dia-
19 betes, and other services that the Secretary deter-
20 mines to be appropriate and feasible;

21 “(3) for health education, counseling, and inter-
22 ventions for behavioral risk factors, such as physical
23 inactivity and poor nutrition, and diseases such as
24 cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, osteoporosis, and
25 obesity;

1 “(4) to provide appropriate referrals for medical
2 treatment of women receiving services pursuant to
3 paragraphs (1) through (3), and ensuring, to the ex-
4 tent practicable, the provision of appropriate follow-
5 up services; and

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

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

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

20 “(d) FUNDING.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
22 appropriated to carry out this section—

23 “(A) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

24 “(B) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

25 “(C) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

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

3 “(2) LIMITATION REGARDING FUNDING WITH
4 RESPECT TO BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER.—No
5 additional resources shall be appropriated for a fis-
6 cal year under paragraph (1) unless the amount ap-
7 propriated under section 1510(a) for such fiscal year
8 is at least \$173,920,000.”.

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