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H. R. 4929

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program of demonstration projects to provide outreach services regarding the utilization of health benefits under Federal, State, and local programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 10, 1994

Mr. BROWN of Ohio 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 “Women and Children’s
5 Health Outreach and Education Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM OF OUTREACH**
2 **SERVICES REGARDING UTILIZATION OF**
3 **HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.**

4 Subpart I of part D of title III of the Public Health
5 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by adding
6 at the end the following section:

7 “OUTREACH SERVICES REGARDING UTILIZATION OF
8 HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

9 “SEC. 330A. (a) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS FOR
10 EDUCATION AND OTHER SERVICES.—The Secretary may
11 make grants to public and nonprofit private entities to
12 carry out demonstration projects for the purposes of—

13 “(1) identifying individuals who may be eligible
14 for Federal, State, or local programs that provide
15 health services to residents of communities described
16 in subsection (b), but who are not participating in
17 the programs;

18 “(2) assisting individuals in establishing eligi-
19 bility for the benefits of the programs;

20 “(3) educating individuals on the procedures
21 that eligible individuals under the programs are to
22 use to obtain the benefits, and educating individuals
23 on otherwise utilizing the benefits; and

24 “(4) providing the services described in sub-
25 section (c) to enable individuals to utilize the bene-
26 fits.

1 “(b) ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES.—For purposes of sub-
2 section (a)(1), the communities described in this sub-
3 section are—

4 “(1) communities whose residents include a sig-
5 nificant number of individuals who are members of
6 a medically underserved population (as defined in
7 section 330);

8 “(2) communities that are a health professional
9 shortage area designated under section 332 (or a
10 significant portion of which is such an area); and

11 “(3) with respect to the rate of infant mortality
12 for the 5-year period preceding the fiscal year for
13 which a grant under subsection (a) is sought, com-
14 munities whose rate is significantly above the na-
15 tional rate.

16 “(c) CERTAIN SERVICES.—For purposes of sub-
17 section (a)(4), the services described in this subsection are
18 transportation, child care, translation services, and such
19 other services as the Secretary determines to be appro-
20 priate in carrying out such purposes.

21 “(d) CULTURAL CONTEXT OF SERVICES.—The Sec-
22 retary may make a grant under subsection (a) only if the
23 applicant for the grant agrees that the services of the dem-
24 onstration project involved will be provided in the language

1 and cultural context most appropriate for the individuals
2 served by the program.

3 “(e) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—The Secretary may
4 make a grant under subsection (a) only if an application
5 for the grant is submitted to the Secretary and the appli-
6 cation is in such form, is made in such manner, and con-
7 tains such agreements, assurances, and information as the
8 Secretary determines to be necessary to carry out this sec-
9 tion.

10 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
11 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
12 to be appropriated \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1995, and
13 such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
14 1996 and 1997.”.

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