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H. R. 1343

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2007

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (for himself and Mr. PICKERING) 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 “Health Centers Re-
5 newal Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) Community, migrant, public housing, and
2 homeless health centers are vital to thousands of
3 communities across the United States.

4 (2) There are more than 1,000 such health cen-
5 ters serving nearly 16,000,000 people at over 5,000
6 health delivery sites, located in all 50 States of the
7 United States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto
8 Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and other territories
9 of the United States.

10 (3) Health centers provide cost-effective, high-
11 quality health care to poor and medically under-
12 served people in the States, the District of Colum-
13 bia, and the territories, including the working poor,
14 the uninsured, and many high-risk and vulnerable
15 populations, and have done so for over 40 years.

16 (4) Health centers provide care to 1 of every 8
17 uninsured Americans, 1 of every 4 Americans in
18 poverty, and 1 of every 9 rural Americans.

19 (5) Health centers provide primary and preven-
20 tive care services to more than 700,000 homeless
21 persons and more than 725,000 farm workers in the
22 United States.

23 (6) Health centers are community-oriented and
24 patient-focused and tailor their services to fit the
25 special needs and priorities of local communities,

1 working together with schools, businesses, churches,
2 community organizations, foundations, and State
3 and local governments.

4 (7) Health centers are built through community
5 initiative.

6 (8) Health centers encourage citizen participa-
7 tion and provide jobs for 50,000 community resi-
8 dents.

9 (9) Health centers make health care responsive
10 and cost-effective through aggressive outreach, pa-
11 tient education, translation, and other enabling sup-
12 port services.

13 (10) Health centers help reduce health dispari-
14 ties, meet escalating health care needs, and provide
15 a vital safety net in the health care delivery system
16 of the United States.

17 (11) Health centers increase the use of preven-
18 tive health services, including immunizations, pap
19 smears, mammograms, and HbA1c tests for diabetes
20 screenings.

21 (12) Expert studies have demonstrated the im-
22 pact that these community-owned and patient-con-
23 trolled primary care delivery systems have achieved
24 both in the reduction of traditional access barriers

1 and the elimination of health disparities among their
2 patients.

3 (13) Congress established the health centers
4 program as a unique public-private partnership, and
5 has continued to provide direct funding to commu-
6 nity organizations for the development and operation
7 of health centers systems that address pressing local
8 health needs and meet national performance stand-
9 ards.

10 (14) Federal grants assist participating commu-
11 nities in finding partners and recruiting doctors and
12 other health professionals.

13 (15) Federal grants constitute, on average, 24
14 percent of the annual budget of such health centers,
15 with the remainder provided by State and local gov-
16 ernments, Medicare, Medicaid, private contributions,
17 private insurance, and patient fees.

18 (16) Reauthorizing the health centers program
19 for 5 years will strengthen and expand health cen-
20 ters in order to put them on a path to become the
21 health care home for nearly 30 million patients
22 served by the year 2015, creating further systemic
23 savings and a healthier Nation.

1 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIA-**
2 **TIONS FOR HEALTH CENTERS PROGRAM.**

3 Section 330(r) of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C. 254b(r)) is amended by amending paragraph (1)
5 to read as follows:

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of car-
7 rying out this section, in addition to the amounts
8 authorized to be appropriated under subsection (d),
9 there are authorized to be appropriated
10 \$2,188,745,000 for fiscal year 2008,
11 \$2,451,394,400 for fiscal year 2009,
12 \$2,757,818,700 for fiscal year 2010,
13 \$3,116,335,131 for fiscal year 2011, and
14 \$3,537,040,374 for fiscal year 2012.”.

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