

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4764

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2002

Mr. RUSH 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 "Children's Health Cov-  
5 erage Improvement Act of 2002".

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO PROMOTE INNOVATIVE OUTREACH AND**  
2 **ENROLLMENT EFFORTS UNDER SCHIP.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(f) of the Social Se-  
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(f)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting  
6 the following:

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
8 the Secretary”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(2) GRANTS TO PROMOTE INNOVATIVE OUT-  
11 REACH AND ENROLLMENT EFFORTS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Prior to any redis-  
13 tribution under paragraph (1) of unexpended  
14 allotments made to States under subsection (b)  
15 or (c) for fiscal year 2000 and any fiscal year  
16 thereafter, the Secretary shall—

17 “(i) reserve from such unexpended al-  
18 lotments the lesser of \$100,000,000 or the  
19 total amount of such unexpended allot-  
20 ments for grants under this paragraph for  
21 the fiscal year in which the redistribution  
22 occurs; and

23 “(ii) subject to subparagraph (B), use  
24 such reserved funds to make grants to  
25 local and community-based public or non-  
26 profit organizations (including organiza-

1            tions or consortiums involved in pediatric  
2            advocacy or outreach (or both), local and  
3            county governments, public health depart-  
4            ments, Federally-qualified health centers,  
5            children’s hospitals, and hospitals defined  
6            as disproportionate share hospitals under  
7            the State plan under title XIX) to conduct  
8            innovative outreach and enrollment efforts  
9            that are consistent with section 2102(c)  
10           and to promote parents’ understanding of  
11           the importance of health insurance cov-  
12           erage for children.

13           “(B) PRIORITY FOR GRANTS IN CERTAIN  
14           AREAS.—In making grants under subparagraph  
15           (A)(ii), the Secretary shall give priority to grant  
16           applicants that propose to target the outreach  
17           and enrollment efforts funded under the grant  
18           to geographic areas—

19                      “(i) with high rates of eligible but  
20                      unenrolled children, including such chil-  
21                      dren who reside in rural areas; or

22                      “(ii) with high rates of families for  
23                      whom English is not their primary lan-  
24                      guage.

1           “(C) APPLICATIONS.—An organization  
2           that desires to receive a grant under this para-  
3           graph shall submit an application to the Sec-  
4           retary in such form and manner, and con-  
5           taining such information, as the Secretary may  
6           decide.”.

7           (b) EXTENDING USE OF OUTSTATIONED WORKERS  
8           TO ACCEPT TITLE XXI APPLICATIONS.—Section  
9           1902(a)(55) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(55)) is  
10          amended by inserting “, and applications for child health  
11          assistance under title XXI” after “(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX)”.

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