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To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to promote innovative outreach and enrollment efforts under the State children's health insurance program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2001

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. CORZINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 2001".

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 involved in pediatric advocacy, local
 2 and county governments, public health de-
 3 partments, Federally-qualified health cen-
 4 ters, children’s hospitals, and hospitals de-
 5 fined as disproportionate share hospitals
 6 under the State plan under title XIX) to
 7 conduct innovative outreach and enroll-
 8 ment efforts that are consistent with sec-
 9 tion 2102(c) and to promote parents’ un-
 10 derstanding of the importance of health in-
 11 surance coverage for children.

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

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

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

24 “(C) APPLICATIONS.—An organization
 25 that desires to receive a grant under this para-

1 graph shall submit an application to the Sec-
2 retary in such form and manner, and con-
3 taining such information, as the Secretary may
4 decide.”.

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

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