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117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1796

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible State agencies to promote State innovations to expand health insurance coverage.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BERA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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. PROMOTING STATE INNOVATIONS TO EXPAND**
4 **COVERAGE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (d), the Sec-
6 retary of Health and Human Services shall award grants
7 to eligible State agencies to enable such States to explore
8 innovative solutions to promote greater enrollment in

1 health insurance coverage in the individual and small
2 group markets, including activities described in subsection
3 (c).

4 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—For purposes of subsection (a), el-
5 igible State agencies are Exchanges established by a State
6 under title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 18001 et seq.) and State agencies with
8 primary responsibility over health and human services for
9 the State involved.

10 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—For purposes of subsection (a),
11 the activities described in this subsection are the following:

12 (1) State efforts to streamline health insurance
13 enrollment procedures in order to reduce burdens on
14 consumers and facilitate greater enrollment in health
15 insurance coverage in the individual and small group
16 markets, including automatic enrollment and re-
17 enrollment of, or pre-populated applications for, in-
18 dividuals without health insurance who are eligible
19 for tax credits under section 36B of the Internal
20 Revenue Code of 1986, with the ability to opt out
21 of such enrollment.

22 (2) State investment in technology to improve
23 data sharing and collection for the purposes of facili-
24 tating greater enrollment in health insurance cov-
25 erage in such markets.

1 (3) Implementation of a State version of an in-
2 dividual mandate to be enrolled in health insurance
3 coverage.

4 (4) Feasibility studies to develop comprehensive
5 and coherent State plan for increasing enrollment in
6 the individual and small group market.

7 (d) FUNDING.—For purposes of carrying out this
8 section, there is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in
9 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$200,000,000
10 for each of the fiscal years 2023 through 2025. Such
11 amount shall remain available until expended.