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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend title XXXIII of the Public Health Service Act with respect to flexibility and funding for the World Trade Center Health Program.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. GARBARINO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 “9/11 Responder and  
5       Survivor Health Funding Correction Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. FLEXIBILITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION**  
2 **CERTIFICATIONS UNDER THE WORLD TRADE**  
3 **CENTER HEALTH PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3305(a) of the Public  
5 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300mm–4(a)) is amend-  
6 ed—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “subject  
8 to paragraph (6),” before “for”; and

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

10 “(6) LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER  
11 FLEXIBILITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION CER-  
12 TIFICATIONS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of an  
14 initial health evaluation described in paragraph  
15 (1)(A) with respect to a mental health condition  
16 (including any such evaluation provided under  
17 section 3321(b) or through the nationwide net-  
18 work under section 3313), such evaluation may  
19 be conducted by a physician or any other li-  
20 censed mental health provider in a category of  
21 mental health care providers determined by the  
22 WTC Program Administrator under subpara-  
23 graph (B).

24 “(B) CATEGORIES OF LICENSED MENTAL  
25 HEALTH PROVIDERS.—Not later than 180 days  
26 after the date of enactment of the 9/11 Re-

1 sponder and Survivor Health Funding Correc-  
2 tion Act of 2024, the WTC Program Adminis-  
3 trator shall issue regulations for the categories  
4 of licensed mental health providers who, in ad-  
5 dition to licensed physicians, may conduct eval-  
6 uations under subparagraph (A) with respect to  
7 a mental health condition and make determina-  
8 tions under section 3312(b) with respect to  
9 such a condition.”.

10 (b) FLEXIBILITY FOR WTC RESPONDERS.—Section  
11 3312(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 300mm–22(b)) is amend-  
12 ed—

13 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

14 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by  
15 striking “physician” and inserting “physician  
16 (or, in the case of a mental health condition, a  
17 physician or any other qualified mental health  
18 provider)”;

19 (B) in clause (i), by striking “physician”  
20 and inserting “physician or other qualified men-  
21 tal health provider”;

22 (2) in paragraph (2)—

23 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

24 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),  
25 by striking “physician” and inserting

1 “physician (or, in the case of a mental  
2 health condition, a physician or any other  
3 qualified mental health provider)”;

4 (ii) in clause (i), by striking “physi-  
5 cian” and inserting “physician or other  
6 qualified mental health provider”; and

7 (iii) in clause (ii), by striking “such  
8 physician’s determination” and inserting  
9 “the determination of such physician or  
10 other qualified mental health provider”;  
11 and

12 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

13 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),  
14 by striking “physician determinations” and  
15 inserting “determinations by physicians  
16 (or, in the case of a mental health condi-  
17 tion, physicians or other qualified mental  
18 health providers)”;

19 (ii) in clause (i), by striking “physi-  
20 cian panel” and inserting “panel of physi-  
21 cians (or, in the case of a mental health  
22 condition, physicians or other qualified  
23 mental health providers)”;

24 (3) in paragraph (5), by striking “examining  
25 physician” and inserting “examining physician (or,

1 in the case of a mental health condition, examining  
2 physician or other qualified mental health pro-  
3 vider)”; and

4 (4) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(6) DEFINITION OF ‘QUALIFIED MENTAL  
6 HEALTH PROVIDER’.—For purposes of this sub-  
7 section, the term ‘qualified mental health provider’  
8 means a licensed mental health provider in a cat-  
9 egory determined by the WTC Program Adminis-  
10 trator under section 3305(a)(6)(B).”.

11 **SEC. 3. CRITERIA FOR CREDENTIALING HEALTH CARE**  
12 **PROVIDERS PARTICIPATING IN THE NATION-**  
13 **WIDE NETWORK.**

14 Title XXXIII of the Public Health Service Act (42  
15 U.S.C. 300mm et seq.) is amended—

16 (1) in section 3305(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 300mm–  
17 4(a)(2))—

18 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

19 (i) by striking clause (iv); and

20 (ii) by redesignating clauses (v) and  
21 (vi) as clauses (iv) and (v), respectively;

22 (B) by striking subparagraph (B); and

23 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)  
24 and (D) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-  
25 tively; and

1 (2) in section 3313(b)(1) (42 U.S.C. 300mm–  
2 23(b)(1)), by striking “Data Centers” and inserting  
3 “WTC Program Administrator”.

4 **SEC. 4. CLARIFYING CALCULATION OF ENROLLMENT.**

5 (a) RESPONDERS.—Section 3311(a) of such Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 300mm–21(a)) is amended by adding at the end  
7 the following:

8 “(6) DECEASED WTC RESPONDERS.—An indi-  
9 vidual known to the WTC Program Administrator to  
10 be deceased shall not be included in any count of en-  
11 rollees under this subsection or section 3351.”.

12 (b) SURVIVORS.—Section 3321(a) of such Act (42  
13 U.S.C. 300mm–31(a)) is amended by adding at the end  
14 the following:

15 “(5) DECEASED WTC SURVIVORS.—An indi-  
16 vidual known to the WTC Program Administrator to  
17 be deceased shall not be included in any count of  
18 certified-eligible survivors under this section or in  
19 any count of enrollees under section 3351.”.

20 **SEC. 5. TIME PERIOD FOR ADDING HEALTH CONDITIONS**  
21 **TO LIST FOR WTC RESPONDERS.**

22 Section 3312(a)(6) of the Public Health Service Act  
23 (42 U.S.C. 300mm–22(a)(6)) is amended—

24 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “90” and  
25 inserting “180”; and

1           (2) in subparagraph (C), in the second sen-  
2           tence, by striking “90” and inserting “180”.

3   **SEC. 6. FUNDING FOR THE WORLD TRADE CENTER HEALTH**  
4           **PROGRAM.**

5           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3351 of the Public Health  
6   Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300mm–61) is amended—

7           (1) in subsection (a)(2)(A)—

8                   (A) in clause (x), by striking “and”;

9                   (B) in clause (xi)—

10                       (i) by striking “subsequent fiscal year  
11                       through fiscal year 2090” and inserting  
12                       “of fiscal years 2026 through 2034”; and

13                       (ii) by striking “plus” and inserting  
14                       “and”; and

15                       (C) by adding at the end the following:

16                           “(xii) for each of fiscal years 2035  
17                       through 2090—

18                                   “(I) the amount determined  
19                                   under this subparagraph for the pre-  
20                                   vious fiscal year (plus any amount ex-  
21                                   pended from the Fund in the previous  
22                                   fiscal year that was carried over from  
23                                   any fiscal year prior to the previous  
24                                   fiscal year including as carried over  
25                                   pursuant to a deposit into such Fund

1 under section 3352(d), 3353(d), or  
2 3354(d)) multiplied by 1.05; multi-  
3 plied by

4 “(II) the ratio of—

5 “(aa) the total number of  
6 individuals enrolled in the WTC  
7 Program on July 1 of such pre-  
8 vious fiscal year; to

9 “(bb) the total number of  
10 individuals so enrolled on July 1  
11 of the fiscal year prior to such  
12 previous fiscal year; plus”; and

13 (2) in subsection (c)—

14 (A) in paragraph (4)—

15 (i) by amending subparagraph (A) to  
16 read as follows:

17 “(A) for fiscal year 2024, the amount de-  
18 termined for such fiscal year under this para-  
19 graph as in effect on the day before the date of  
20 enactment of the 9/11 Responder and Survivor  
21 Health Funding Correction Act of 2024;”; and

22 (ii) by amending subparagraph (B) to  
23 read as follows:

24 “(B) for fiscal year 2025, the greater of—



1 “(i) the amount determined for such  
2 fiscal year under this paragraph as in ef-  
3 fect on the day before the date of enact-  
4 ment of the 9/11 Responder and Survivor  
5 Health Funding Correction Act of 2024; or

6 “(ii) \$20,000,000; and”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (5)—

8 (i) by amending subparagraph (A) to  
9 read as follows:

10 “(A) for fiscal year 2024, the amount de-  
11 termined for such fiscal year under this para-  
12 graph as in effect on the day before the date of  
13 enactment of the 9/11 Responder and Survivor  
14 Health Funding Correction Act of 2024;”;

15 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph  
16 (B) as subparagraph (C); and

17 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph  
18 (A) the following:

19 “(B) for fiscal year 2025, the greater of—

20 “(i) the amount determined for such  
21 fiscal year under this paragraph as in ef-  
22 fect on the day before the date of enact-  
23 ment of the 9/11 Responder and Survivor  
24 Health Funding Correction Act of 2024; or

25 “(ii) \$20,000,000; and”.

1 (b) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR THE WORLD TRADE  
2 CENTER HEALTH PROGRAM SPECIAL FUND.—Section  
3 3353(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
4 300mm–63(b)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “Out” and inserting the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(1) INITIAL DEPOSIT.—Out”; and

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

9 “(2) ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT.—Out of any money  
10 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is  
11 appropriated for fiscal year 2024 \$2,970,406,593  
12 for deposit into the Special Fund, which amounts  
13 shall remain available in such Fund through fiscal  
14 year 2033.”.

15 (c) REALLOCATION OF ANY REMAINING AMOUNTS IN  
16 SEPARATE FUNDS.—

17 (1) SUPPLEMENTAL FUND.—Section 3352(d) of  
18 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300mm–  
19 62(d)) is amended—

20 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
21 “RETURN OF FUNDS” and inserting “REMAIN-  
22 ING AMOUNTS”; and

23 (B) by striking “the Treasury as miscella-  
24 neous receipts” and inserting “the World Trade  
25 Center Health Program Fund under section

1           3351 for fiscal year 2033 and, notwithstanding  
2           subsections (b) and (c), remain available, for  
3           the purposes described in this title, through fis-  
4           cal year 2090 in accordance with subsection  
5           (a)(5) of section 3351 and subject to the spend-  
6           ing limitations under subsection (c) of such sec-  
7           tion”.

8           (2) SPECIAL FUND.—Section 3353(d) of the  
9           Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300mm–  
10          63(d)) is amended by striking “the Treasury as mis-  
11          cellaneous receipts” and inserting “the World Trade  
12          Center Health Program Fund under section 3351  
13          for fiscal year 2034 and, notwithstanding sub-  
14          sections (b) and (c), remain available, for the pur-  
15          poses described in this title, through fiscal year 2090  
16          in accordance with subsection (a)(5) of section 3351  
17          and subject to the spending limitations under sub-  
18          section (c) of such section”.

19          (3) PENTAGON/SHANKSVILLE FUND.—Section  
20          3354(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
21          300mm–64(d)) is amended by striking “the Treas-  
22          ury as miscellaneous receipts” and inserting “the  
23          World Trade Center Health Program Fund under  
24          section 3351 for fiscal year 2034 and, notwith-  
25          standing subsections (b) and (c), remain available,

1 for the purposes described in this title, through fis-  
2 cal year 2090 in accordance with subsection (a)(5)  
3 of section 3351 and subject to the spending limita-  
4 tions under subsection (c) of such section”.

5 (4) AVAILABILITY.—Section 3351 of the Public  
6 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300mm–61) is  
7 amended—

8 (A) in subsection (a)(5), by inserting “or  
9 deposited into the Fund under any other sec-  
10 tion in this title,” before “for a fiscal year”;  
11 and

12 (B) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “or  
13 any other section in this title” after “subsection  
14 (a)(2)”.

15 **SEC. 7. OFFSET.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 251A(6)(D) of the Bal-  
17 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985  
18 (2 U.S.C. 901a(6)(D)) is amended—

19 (1) in clause (i), by striking “8 months” and  
20 inserting “9 months”; and

21 (2) in clause (ii), by striking “4 months” and  
22 inserting “3 months”.

23 (b) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS SAVINGS IN THE MEDICARE  
24 IMPROVEMENT FUND.—

1           (1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term  
2       “excess savings” means the difference obtained by  
3       subtracting—

4           (A) the amount of the budgetary effects  
5       (as determined in accordance with the Statu-  
6       tory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 931  
7       et seq.)) of sections 2 through 6 of this Act;  
8       from

9           (B) the amount of the budgetary effects  
10      (as determined in accordance with the Statu-  
11      tory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 931  
12      et seq.)) of the amendment made by subsection  
13      (a) of this section.

14          (2) DEPOSIT.—The amount of any excess sav-  
15      ings shall be transferred to and merged with  
16      amounts in the Medicare Improvement Fund estab-  
17      lished under section 1898 of the Social Security Act  
18      (42 U.S.C. 1395iii). Amounts transferred under this  
19      paragraph shall remain available until expended.