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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

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Mr. BERA 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 Care Enroll-
5 ment Innovation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROMOTING STATE INNOVATIONS TO EXPAND COV-**
7 **ERAGE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (d), the Sec-
9 retary of Health and Human Services shall award grants

1 to eligible State agencies to enable such States to explore
2 innovative solutions to promote greater enrollment in
3 health insurance coverage in the individual and small
4 group markets, including activities described in subsection
5 (c).

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

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

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

24 (2) State investment in technology to improve
25 data sharing and collection for the purposes of facili-

1 tating greater enrollment in health insurance cov-
2 erage in such markets.

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

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

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

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