



Memorandum

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TO: The Honorable Carolyn Maloney
Attention: Anna Cielinski

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SUBJECT: Funding History for World Trade Center Health Programs

Per our conversation, this memorandum provides a funding history for World Trade Center (WTC) Health Programs. This information is adapted from CRS Report RL33927, *Selected Federal Compensation Programs for Physical Injury or Death*, by Sarah A. Lister, Edward Rappaport, and C. Stephen Redhead, the section "World Trade Center Medical Monitoring and Treatment Program" (MMTP), updated to reflect FY2008 appropriations. This information supplements earlier information regarding FY2008 appropriations that was provided to your office in a memorandum dated January 8, 2008. Please contact me at 7-7320 if I may be of further assistance.

Funding History for World Trade Center Health Programs

For FY2002, Congress directed \$12 million in supplemental appropriations to CDC to develop a baseline medical screening program for WTC responders.¹ For FY2003, Congress provided \$90 million to continue baseline screenings, and to provide long-term medical monitoring of program participants.² For FY2006, Congress provided \$75 million for ongoing registry, screening and monitoring activities, and stipulated for the first time that funds could also be used for treatment.³ Funding for the program was not explicitly provided in regular FY2007 appropriations. In May 2007, Congress provided \$50 million in supplemental funding for FY2007, to remain available until expended.⁴ For FY2008, Congress provided a total appropriation of approximately \$108.1 million, providing in the law that funds shall be used “...to provide screening and treatment for first response emergency services personnel, residents, students, and others...”⁵

¹ P.L. 107-117, 115 Stat. 2313, Jan. 10, 2002. The amount was to be obligated from funds already appropriated in P.L. 107-38, the original \$40 billion appropriation to support the nation’s response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

² P.L. 108-7, 117 Stat. 517, Feb. 20, 2003. At least \$25 million of this amount was to be used to provide screening and monitoring services to current and retired firefighters.

³ P.L. 109-148, § 5011(b), 119 Stat. 2815, Dec. 30, 2005. In July 2007, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported that CDC had provided \$51 million of that amount to MMTP grantees for inpatient and outpatient medical treatment services. See GAO “September 11: HHS Needs to Ensure the Availability of Health Screening and Monitoring for All Responders,” GAO-07-892, July 23, 2007.

⁴ P.L. 110-28, 121 Stat. 166, referring to activities carried out under § 5011(b) of P.L. 109-148.

⁵ H.R. 2764, enrolled bill, as passed by the House and Senate, Division G – Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008, Title II – Department of Health and Human Services, section on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, p. 329. Of the \$109 million provided in the law, \$56.5 million was designated as emergency spending, and the balance, \$52.5 million, was subject to a 1.747% across-the-board rescission.