

James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act

Continue the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program. Housed within the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) the WTC Health Program would provide medical monitoring and treatment for 9/11-related conditions to the over 60,000 9/11 First Responders and to the more than 7,000 injured and ill 9/11 Survivors.

Clinical Centers of Excellence will continue to monitor and deliver treatment for responders and eligible members of the New York area, to be delivered by the FDNY, a consortium of clinics that includes Mt. Sinai, Long Island Jewish/North Shore Hospital, NYU, SUNY Stony Brook, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences Institute as well as by the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation at Bellevue, East Elmhurst Hospital and Gouverneur Healthcare Services.

Continue to Provide Monitoring and Treatment for Communities Throughout the Nation. The program would provide medical monitoring and care for responders to the Pentagon and the Shanksville, PA crash site. This legislation would continue the access to treatment and benefits in all 50 states for over 6,000 9/11 responders, including those who came to help in the aftermath of 9/11 and live across the country.

Continue the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF). The fund would remain open until 2041 to provide compensation for economic damages and loss for individuals who become ill from the toxins at Ground Zero. Because the bill continues to link the VCF to the limitation on liability, this long date allows protection for victims with latent claims while extending limitation on the liability period. The Special Master would be required to update regulations consistent with revisions to VCF under this Act.

Continue the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP). The WTC Health Program would remain open until 2041 to provide health care for injured and ill 9/11 responders and Survivors who become ill from the toxins at Ground Zero. Because many of the 30,000 responders and survivors who are ill have multiple conditions which are chronic and will need care for the rest of their lives, this long date guarantees continued treatment. There are responders and survivors who are participating in the World Trade Center Health Program from every state and 429 of 435 Congressional Districts.

Continue to Establish City's Cost Share. The City of New York would continue to contribute a 10 percent matching cost share of the World Trade Center Health Program.

Continue to Research New Conditions. New research is critical for reaching breakthroughs in diagnosing and treating WTC-related illnesses. The legislation will continue research on WTC-related conditions.

Extend Support for World Trade Center Health Registry. Under the bill NIOSH would continue to extend and expand support for the World Trade Center Health Registry.

The current WTC Health Program and the reopened September 11th Victim Compensation Fund expire in 2015.