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# H. R. 4431

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Mr. BATEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Free Health Clinic Ex-  
5       pansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION GRANTS FOR EXISTING FREE**  
2 **HEALTH CLINICS; RENOVATION OF FACILI-**  
3 **TIES AND PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
5 Human Services may in accordance with this section make  
6 grants to nonprofit private health clinics that do not im-  
7 pose any charge for the provision of health services.

8 (b) PURPOSE OF GRANT.—The Secretary may make  
9 a grant under subsection (a) only if the clinic involved  
10 agrees that the grant will not be expended for any purpose  
11 other than the renovation of facilities, and the purchase  
12 of equipment, for providing health services through the  
13 clinic.

14 (c) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF GRANT.—A grant  
15 under subsection (a) may not exceed \$4,000,000.

16 (d) REQUIREMENTS REGARDING FREE CARE.—The  
17 Secretary may make a grant under subsection (a) only if  
18 the clinic involved meets the following conditions:

19 (1) The clinic provides health services, with pri-  
20 ority given to the provision of primary health care.

21 (2) The clinic does not impose any charge for  
22 the provision of health services.

23 (3) The health services of the clinic are made  
24 available only to individuals who are without health  
25 insurance and whose income does not exceed 125  
26 percent of the official poverty line.

1           (4) None of the health care providers of the  
2 clinic receives any compensation for the provision of  
3 services through the clinic.

4           (5) Not more than 1 individual among the staff  
5 of the clinic receives any compensation for the provi-  
6 sion of services to the clinic, subject to paragraph  
7 (4).

8           (6) The clinic agrees to continue operating the  
9 clinic in accordance with the conditions described in  
10 paragraphs (1) through (5).

11       (e) CRITERIA REGARDING LACK OF HEALTH INSUR-  
12 ANCE.—For purposes of subsection (d)(3), an individual  
13 is without health insurance if—

14           (1) the individual is not covered under any  
15 health insurance policy or plan (including a group  
16 health plan or prepaid plan and including an em-  
17 ployee welfare benefit plan under the Employee Re-  
18 tirement Income Security Act of 1974); and

19           (2) the individual is not covered under the pro-  
20 gram of title XVIII of the Social Security Act or the  
21 program of title XIX of such Act, or any other gov-  
22 ernment program that entitles the individual to re-  
23 ceive health services.

24       (f) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—The Secretary may  
25 make a grant under subsection (a) only if an application

1 for the grant is submitted to the Secretary and the appli-  
2 cation is in such form, is made in such manner, and con-  
3 tains such agreements, assurances, and information as the  
4 Secretary determines to be necessary to carry out this  
5 section.

6 (g) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

7 (1) The term “official poverty line” means the  
8 official poverty line established by the Director of  
9 the Office of Management and Budget and revised  
10 by the Secretary in accordance with section 673(2)  
11 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981,  
12 which line is applicable to the size of the family in-  
13 volved.

14 (2) The term “primary health care” means the  
15 following medical specialities: Family medicine, gen-  
16 eral internal medicine, general pediatrics, and ob-  
17 stetrics and gynecology.

18 (3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
19 of Health and Human Services.

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