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To establish a grant program for funding silicosis treatment and education, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CORREA (for himself and Ms. DEXTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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# A BILL

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the ''Silicosis Prevention and Treatment Act''.

**SEC. 2. SILICOSIS CLINICS PROGRAM.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (in this section referred to as the ''Secretary''), shall award

grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible entities to treat individuals with silicosis, regardless of their ability to pay, and provide education to workers in industries with high exposure to silica.

(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible for a grant under this section, an entity shall be—

(1) a federally qualified health center (as defined in section 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)));

(2) a hospital;

(3) a State or local health department; or

(4) a nonprofit health care clinic or nonprofit health care provider.

(c) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant awarded under this section may be used for—

(1) outreach and education to raise awareness of silicosis;

(2) screening, diagnosis, and treatment of silicosis;

(3) education programs for patients, family members, and workers in industries heavily impacted by silicosis;

(4) benefits counseling related to silicosis (including with respect to State and Federal compensation programs);

(5) patient care and coordination related to silicosis (including individual patient care plans and referrals, as needed);

(6) pulmonary rehabilitation to improve breathing in relation to silicosis; or

(7) such other activities as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(d) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term ''State'' means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or an Indian Tribe.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031.

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