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To allow enrollees of the Farm Credit Administration Health Plan to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program with a break in coverage.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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. CONTINUATION OF HEALTH BENEFITS COV-**
4 **ERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN A**
5 **PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE FARM CREDIT**
6 **ADMINISTRATION.**

7 (a) ENROLLMENT IN CHAPTER 89.—For purposes of
8 the administration of chapter 89 of title 5, United States
9 Code, any period of enrollment under a health benefits
10 plan administered by Farm Credit Administration imme-

1 diately before the effective date of this legislation shall be
2 deemed to be a period of enrollment in a health benefits
3 plan under chapter 89 of such title.

4 (b) CONTINUED COVERAGE.—(1) An individual who,
5 on September 30, 1995, is covered by a health benefits
6 plan administered by the Farm Credit Administration may
7 enroll in an approved health benefits plan described under
8 section 8903 or 8903a of title 5, United States Code—

9 (A) either as an individual or for self and fam-
10 ily, if such individual is an employee, annuitant, or
11 former spouse as defined under section 8901 of such
12 title; and

13 (B) for coverage effective on and after Septem-
14 ber 30, 1995.

15 (2) An individual who, on September 30, 1995, is en-
16 titled to continued coverage under a health benefits plan
17 administered by the Farm Credit Administration—

18 (A) shall be deemed to be entitled to continued
19 coverage under section 8905a of title 5, United
20 States Code, for the same period that would have
21 been permitted under the plan administered by the
22 Farm Credit Administration; and

23 (B) may enroll in an approved health benefits
24 plan described under section 8903a of such title in

1 accordance with section 8905A of such title for cov-
2 erage effective on and after September 30, 1995.

3 (3) An individual who, on September 30, 1995, is cov-
4 ered as an unmarried dependent child under a health ben-
5 efits plan administered by the Farm Credit Administra-
6 tion and who is not a member of family as defined under
7 section 8901(5) of title 5, United States Code—

8 (A) shall be deemed to be entitled to continued
9 coverage under section 8905a of such title as though
10 the individual had, on September 30, 1995, ceased
11 to meet the requirements for being considered an
12 unmarried dependent child under chapter 89 of such
13 title; and

14 (B) may enroll in an approved health benefits
15 plan described under section 8903 or 8903a of such
16 title in accordance with section 8905a for continued
17 coverage on and after September 30, 1995.

18 (c) TRANSFERS TO THE EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENE-
19 FITS FUND.—The Farm Credit Administration shall
20 transfer to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Fund
21 established under section 8909 of title 5, United States
22 Code, amounts determined by the Director of the Office
23 of Personnel Management, after consultation with the
24 Farm Credit Administration, to be necessary to reimburse
25 the Fund for the cost of providing benefits under this sec-

1 tion not otherwise paid for by the individual's covered by
2 this section. The amount so transferred shall be held in
3 the Fund and used by the Office in addition to the
4 amounts available under section 8906(g)(1) of such title.

5 (d) ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATIONS.—The Of-
6 fice of Personnel Management—

7 (1) shall administer the provisions of this sec-
8 tion to provide for—

9 (A) a period of notice and open enrollment
10 for individuals affected by this section; and

11 (B) no lapse of health coverage for individ-
12 uals who enroll in a health benefits plan under
13 chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, in ac-
14 cordance with this section; and

15 (C) may prescribe regulations to imple-
16 ment this section.

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