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2D SESSION

S. 4790

To increase funding for the Patient Navigator Research Program of the
National Cancer Institute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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Program of the National Cancer Institute.

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 “Patient Navigator En-
5 hancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR THE PATIENT NAVIGATOR RE-**
7 **SEARCH PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL CAN-**
8 **CER INSTITUTE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
10 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-

1 retary”) shall use amounts allocated under subsection (b)
 2 for purposes of carrying out the Patient Navigator Re-
 3 search Program of the National Cancer Institute.

4 (b) ALLOCATION OF AMOUNTS.—Notwithstanding
 5 any other provision of law, out of any unobligated amounts
 6 returned by or recouped from recipients of past distribu-
 7 tions from the Provider Relief Fund, the Secretary shall
 8 allocate such amounts as the Secretary determines appro-
 9 priate for purposes of carrying out subsection (a).

10 (c) PROVIDER RELIEF FUND.—In this section, the
 11 term “Provider Relief Fund” means the funding appro-
 12 priated to prevent, prepare for, and respond to
 13 coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for necessary
 14 expenses to reimburse, through grants or other mecha-
 15 nisms, eligible health care providers for health care related
 16 expenses or lost revenue attributable to coronavirus for
 17 which appropriations are made under—

18 (1) the third paragraph under the heading “De-
 19 partment of Health and Human Services—Office of
 20 the Secretary—Public Health and Social Services
 21 Emergency Fund” in division B of the CARES Act
 22 (Public Law 116–136);

23 (2) the first paragraph under the heading “De-
 24 partment of Health and Human Services—Office of
 25 the Secretary—Public Health and Social Services

1 Emergency Fund” in division B of the Paycheck
2 Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement
3 Act (Public Law 116–139); and

4 (3) the fourth paragraph under the heading
5 “Department of Health and Human Services—Of-
6 fice of the Secretary—Public Health and Social
7 Services Emergency Fund” in title III of division H
8 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub-
9 lic Law 116–260).

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