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Health Care Reform Act Allocates Funds For Thorough Background Checks Of Health Care Workers

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Six states will be receiving federal grants from the Health Care Reform Act to perform thorough background checks on employees at nursing homes and other facilities that house vulnerable people.

While some states already employ background checks of new employees, the new funding is intended to be more exhaustive than the measures currently in place. Employees must pass a check of state and federal criminal records, abuse and neglect registries and multiple databases including the Nurse Aide Registry.

The \$160 million dollar program will provide funding to the following states:

- Connecticut
- Alaska
- Delaware
- Florida
- Missouri
- Rhode Island

In addition to nursing homes, the program will screen workers in the following facilities: home health agencies, hospice, long-term care hospitals,

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intermediate care facilities for people with mental retardation, adult day care and personal care assistants.

Unfortunately, many medical facilities put a premium on hiring workers at the lowest possible wage, and many of the applicants are simply unqualified for the task at hand. Shockingly many people with criminal backgrounds, have made their way into facilities that care for societies most vulnerable. Rather than take the necessary safety measures, some facilities rush to fill a position at the lowest possible pay scale.

As a lawyer who has prosecuted cases involving abusive employees, I strongly support additional regulatory measures and hope similar background checks get employed throughout the country.

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