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CARDIN REQUESTS FUNDING FOR KEY HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS ACROSS MARYLAND

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator **Benjamin L. Cardin** (D-MD), a member of the Senate Budget Committee, today announced his FY 2010 budget appropriations requests that will promote better health care for all Marylanders, support the development of new medical therapies and procedures, and improve life-saving treatments for our wounded warriors. The Senate will take up the appropriations bills this summer. *A complete list of Senator Cardin's appropriations requests can be found at cardin.senate.gov.*

"Federal investment in the health of our citizens pays dividends for every American by improving quality of life and reducing the burden of hefty health care costs," said Senator Cardin. "I am proud to continue support for key programs like these that provide real health benefits for Marylanders and keep our world-class researchers and medical professionals at the forefront of life-saving treatments and life-changing outreach programs."

Examples of Senator Cardin's health-care related appropriations requests for Maryland include:

CUTTING-EDGE TREATMENTS

- \$9.4 million for the manufacturing and release of Sanaria's attenuated **malaria sporozoite vaccine**, in preparation for FDA approval
- \$5 million for **advanced restoration therapies for spinal cord injury** at the International Center for Spinal Cord Injury at the Kennedy Krieger Center in Baltimore

HELPING WOUNDED WARRIORS

"Our nation can never fully repay the debt we owe the brave men and women who fight for our country. What we can do is support them on the battlefield and support them when they return home with every life-saving and life-preserving resource available," said Senator Cardin.

- \$3 million for **Craniofacial Reconstruction** at the University of Maryland Baltimore as a national resource for military and civilian patients
- \$6 million for the **Fibrin Adhesive STat (FAST) Dressing**, the only bandage effective against all kinds of severe blood loss. Once FDA-approved, the dressing will save thousands of military and civilian lives.

- \$10 million to develop a **Rehabilitation Technology Transition Center** to transition federally supported research in revolutionary prosthetics into patient care to improve the quality of life for injured servicemen and veterans

IMPROVED HEALTH CARE

- \$300 million to finalize the **consolidation of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at White Oak** in Montgomery County. The consolidation will enable over 9,000 FDA employees to better regulate the drug and medical devices industries
- \$2.5 million for the **Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's statewide oral health literacy campaign** to educate low-income, high-risk families about the importance of oral health and preventive behaviors
- **Expanding Health Care Access to the Uninsured** - Holy Cross Hospital proposes to expand health care access to Montgomery County's uninsured by opening a third clinic in the Wheaton/Aspen Hill area, which will increase capacity to assist uninsured residents

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- **Carroll County Youth Services Bureau** in Westminster to expand mental health services for children, adults and families throughout Carroll County
- Expansion and implementation of **Prince George's Mental Health Court**, allowing the court to be open 1 additional day every week for the entire year.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE

- \$1 million for the **Baltimore City Health Department's Healthy Babies program**, to expand services and education to help reduce the factors contributing to infant mortality
- \$1 million for the **Anne Arundel Medical Center** to create a dedicated Pediatric Emergency Department that will increase patient safety and access to immediate care
- Expansion of the Health Information and Referral Line of the **Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children and Families** to identify gaps in services

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY

- \$4.2 million for the **Naval Health Research Network Information Exchange** to develop systems to exchange digital health information from civilian patient populations containing Veteran, Guard, Reserve, and DoD beneficiaries
- \$902,000 for the **Community Health Integrated Partnership**, which is in the process of implementing an Electronic Patient Record System in 9 federally qualified community health centers representing 53 clinical delivery sites throughout Maryland

For more details on the above requests and a complete list of all of Senator Cardin's FY 2010 appropriations requests for Maryland, please go to cardin.senate.gov

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