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Comments

Once the bill is implemented for First Responders to receive medical care for injuries sustained as a result of work performed at The World Trade Center site, I hope that the individual is able to choose his/her own doctors and treatment facility. In October of 2003 I was diagnosed with Myelodysplasia (Bone Marrow Failure). This was caused by inhaling and ingesting large amounts of benzene during the first week of the rescue operation without proper breathing protection. After being diagnosed, I traveled to several hospitals around the country at my expense, to find the best facility to treat my disease with a Bone Marrow Transplant. I finally found a hematologist/oncologist at Hackensack University Medical Center in Hackensack NJ. I was transplanted in September 2005 and have been followed by this hospital and its staff since then. I would not want to change my transplant team or treatment facility after all the years of successful treatment. I would hope that this bill would enable me to continue to be treated at Hackensack University Medical Center and have all my future treatment compensated by The Zadroga Bill at this facility. In addition I would also hope that the cost of all necessary medication taken at home would also be covered by this bill. Thank you