

The Two Programs in the ‘Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act’

Almost ten years after the terrorist attacks of September 11th, the *James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act* was signed into law. The law provides medical treatment and financial compensation to the thousands of responders and survivors who are sick from exposure to toxins at Ground Zero, as well as those sick from exposures at the Pentagon and Shanksville, PA, sites.

There are two key parts: 1) the World Trade Center Health Program, and 2) the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund.

James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act	1) World Trade Center Health Program	2) September 11th Victim Compensation Fund
What is it?	Provides health care - medical monitoring and treatment - to responders and survivors (area workers, residents, students) who were exposed to the toxins at Ground Zero and now are sick and injured. The World Trade Center Health Program will build on the existing medical monitoring and treatment program to provide expert care for WTC-related conditions to responders and survivors, delivered locally in New York City through Centers of Excellence and nationally through the National Program.	Reopens the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) for five years to provide compensation for economic losses and harm. The VCF will allow individuals who became ill or have passed away since the original VCF deadline at the end of 2003 to be compensated for economic damages and losses stemming from their physical injuries.
Who is running it?	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services with National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Administrator: Dr. John Howard, NIOSH Director	U.S. Department of Justice Special Master: Sheila Birnbaum
When will it be available?	Expected start date: July 1, 2011	Expected start date: October 2011
Where to find out more?	http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/wtc/ 1-888-WTCHP4U (1-888-982-4748)	http://www.justice.gov/civil/common/vcf.html

**Note -The programs will operate independently, meaning individuals will need to apply separately for the two programs.