

## S 543

Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2001

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Sen. Graham, Bob [D-FL]	D · FL		Oct 3, 2001
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Nov 5, 2001
Sen. Hutchinson, Tim [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 25, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 6, 2001

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 4066	Related bill	<b>Jun 18, 2002:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.

Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2001 - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act, respectively, to prohibit certain employee group health plans or related insurances providing both medical-surgical and mental health benefits from imposing mental health treatment limitations or financial requirements unless comparable limitations and requirements are imposed upon medical-surgical benefits. States that the foregoing shall not be construed as requiring a group health plan (or related insurances): (1) to provide any mental health benefits; (2) preventing the medical management of mental health benefits; or (3) requiring the provision of specific mental health services, except to the extent that failure to provide such services would result in a disparity between the coverage of mental health and medical-surgical benefits.

Exempts specified small employers from such requirements (any employer who employed an average of at least 2 but not more than 50 employees on business days during the preceding calendar year).

Requires that, in the case of a group health plan that offers a participant or beneficiary two or more benefit package options, the coverage requirements shall be applied separately with respect to each such option.

Provides that, in the case of a plan or insurance providing in-network mental health benefits, out-of-network mental health benefits need not be provided at parity to medical-surgical benefits, as long as in-network mental health benefits are provided at parity with medical-surgical benefits and the plan or insurance provides reasonable access to in-network providers and facilities.

Requires a General Accounting Office study of such requirements' effects upon health insurance costs, access, and quality.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 6, 2001:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Kennedy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 107-61. Additional views filed.
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- **Sep 6, 2001:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 153.
- **Aug 1, 2001:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 11, 2001:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held.
- **Mar 15, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 15, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2393-2394)
- **Mar 15, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2394-2395)