

## HR 3459

Healthcare Equality and Accountability Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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Rep. Jefferson, William J. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Oct 7, 2004
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Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Oct 8, 2004
Rep. Bell, Chris [D-TX-25]	D · TX		Oct 8, 2004
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Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Oct 8, 2004
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Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	D · VA		Nov 16, 2004
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Nov 16, 2004
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Nov 16, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 17, 2003
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 1, 2003
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Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 14, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 6, 2003
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 6, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 13, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1833	Identical bill	<b>Apr 8, 2004:</b> Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3967-3968)

Healthcare Equality and Accountability Act - States that the purpose of this Act is to improve minority health and healthcare and to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health and healthcare.

FamilyCare Act of 2003 - Amends the Social Security Act respecting: (1) family care; (2) Medicaid coverage for all residents with poverty level incomes; and (3) funding for the territories.

Amends the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide for optional coverage of legal immigrants under Medicaid and SCHIP (State children's health insurance program).

Amends the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise provisions respecting program operations and funding.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a demonstration project to strengthen Medicaid and SCHIP coverage for migrant workers and farmworkers.

Establishes the National Commission for Expanded Access to Health Care.

Amends the Public Service Health Act to improve limited English speakers' access to health care. Directs the Secretary to establish a Center for Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Healthcare.

Provides for health workforce diversity, including provisions respecting: (1) career training and support; (2) data collection; (3) cultural training; (4) Hispanic-serving health professions schools; (5) student assistance, including online degree programs; (6) the Louis Stokes public health scholars program; (7) the Patsy Mink health and gender research fellowship program; (8) the Paul David Wellstone international health fellowship program; and (9) the Edward R. Roybal Healthcare scholar program.

Environmental Justice Act of 2003 - Establishes: (1) the Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice which shall provide guidance to Federal agencies for identifying disproportionately high and adverse health and environmental effects on minority, low-income, and Native American populations; and (2) the Federal Environmental Justice Advisory Committee which shall advise the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Working Group on areas environmental justice.

Border Health Security Act of 2003 - Directs the Secretary, through the United States members of the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission, to award grants to eligible entities to improve the health of border area residents that are established by: (1) the United States members of the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission; (2) the State border health offices; and (3) the Secretary.

Amends the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission Act to make permanent authorizations of appropriations for activities under such Act.

Patient Navigator, Outreach, and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2003 - Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to public and nonprofit private health centers (including Indian Health Service Centers, tribal governments, urban Indian organizations, tribal organizations, clinics serving Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and Alaska Natives, and rural health clinics) for model programs that provide health disparity populations with: (1) cancer and chronic disease prevention and treatment; (2) patient navigators to manage the care of individuals within such groups; and (3) outreach services. Authorizes similar grant programs through: (1) the National Cancer Institute; and (2) the Indian Health Service.

Community Health Workers Act of 2003 - Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to States or local or tribal units to promote positive health behaviors for women in target populations, especially racial and ethnic minority women in medically underserved communities.

Extends funding for breast and cervical cancer preventive health measures.

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to qualifying health centers, nonprofit organizations, and public institutions for cancer treatment and prevention programs for underserved minority and other populations, with consideration given to such population's language and cultural context.

Provides for grants and activities respecting: (1) health empowerment zone programs in health disparity communities; (2) the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative; (3) infant mortality and sudden infant death syndrome rates in minority communities; (4) fetal alcohol syndrome treatment and diagnosis; (5) diabetes prevention and treatment activities with Indian tribes, Pacific Islanders, and Native Hawaiians; (6) diabetes programs, including youth and children's programs; (7) heart disease; (8) a national stroke education campaign; and (9) obesity treatment and prevention in underserved minority populations; (10) tuberculosis control and prevention; (11) asthma; (12) sickle cell disease; (13) autoimmune disease in minority populations; (14) sexually transmitted diseases; (15) children's dental disease coverage under Medicaid or SCHIP, and dental health services in underserved areas; (16) demonstration projects to reduce violence; (17) uterine fibroid research and education; (18) disease screening; (19) community outreach; (20) immunizations; (21) chronic disease management; and (22) racial and ethnic approaches to community health.

Requires HHS funded or operated programs to collect race, ethnicity, and language data to detect ethnic and racial health care disparities. Authorizes demonstration program grants for health plan, health center, and hospital data collection. Amends the Social Security Act to require the Social Security Administration to collect similar data.

Directs the Secretary to fund epidemiology centers in Indian health areas lacking such centers.

Extends funding for the National Center for Health Statistics.

Minority Health and Genomics Act of 2003 - Establishes the Minority Health and Genomics Commission, which shall conduct a study of, and develop recommendations on, issues relating to genomic research as applied to minority groups.

Directs the Secretary to establish: (1) civil rights compliance offices within each HHS agency that administers a health program; and (2) an Office of Minority Health within the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Establishes the Indian Health Service as an agency of the Public Health Service.

Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish an Office of Minority Affairs within the Office of the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary to make grants for demonstration programs to improve minority healthcare access and quality.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) designate centers of excellence at hospitals and other health systems serving large numbers of minority patients; (2) provide financial assistance to designated healthcare providers and community health centers for facility and service improvements in American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the United States Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii; and (3) provide grants and loan guarantees from the Health Safety Net Infrastructure Trust Fund (established by this Act) for capital financing assistance to eligible healthcare facilities.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 1, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- **Dec 1, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **Dec 1, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.
- **Dec 1, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.
- **Nov 17, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Nov 14, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 13, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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