

SCONRES 41

A concurrent resolution directing Congress to enact legislation by October 2005 that provides access to comprehensive health care for all Americans.

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Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 30, 2003
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 30, 2003
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 16, 2003
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 6, 2004
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 19, 2004
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 7, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 30, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HCONRES 99	Identical bill	Jun 4, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4974-4975)

Summary (as of Apr 30, 2003)

Directs Congress to enact legislation by October 2005 to guarantee that every person in the United States, regardless of income, age, or employment or health status, has access to health care that: (1) is affordable and that removes financial barriers to needed care; (2) is as cost efficient as possible; (3) provides comprehensive benefits; (4) promotes prevention and early intervention; (5) includes parity for mental health and other services; (6) eliminates disparities in access to quality health care; (7) addresses the needs of people with special health care needs and underserved populations in rural and urban areas; (8) promotes quality and better health outcomes; (9) addresses the need to have adequate numbers of qualified health care practitioners; (10) provides adequate and timely payments; (11) fosters a strong network of health care facilities; (12) ensures continuity of coverage and continuity of care; (13) maximizes consumer choice of health care providers and practitioners; and (14) is easy for patients, providers, and practitioners to use and reduces paperwork.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 30, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 30, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5614)
- **Apr 30, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5613-5614)