

HR 4241

Helping America Hear Act of 2004

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization. (May 21, 2004)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	May 14, 2004
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 6, 2004
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Helping America Hear Act of 2004 - Requires each Federal health benefits plan to include coverage for the provision of at least two hearing aids every three years, except that this provision shall not be construed as requiring the payment under such plan in any three-year period of more than \$2,000 on hearing aids with respect to any individual.

Amends: (1) the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to provide that if a group health plan provides benefits with respect to hospital and surgical expenses, the plan (and any health insurance issuer offering health insurance coverage in connection with such a plan) shall provide coverage for the provision of at least two hearing aids every three years, except that this provision shall not be construed as requiring the payment under such plan in any three-year period of more than \$2,000 on hearing aids with respect to any individual; and (2) the Public Health Service Act to make the above ERISA provision applicable to health insurance coverage offered by a health insurance issuer in the individual market in the same manner as they apply to health insurance coverage offered by a health insurance issuer in connection with a group health plan in the small or large group market.

Actions Timeline

- **May 21, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization.
- **May 14, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- **May 6, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Apr 28, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 28, 2004:** Referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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