

## HR 4628

Patients' Bill of Rights Act of 2004

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 21, 2004

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. (Sep 7, 2004)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-bill/4628>

### Sponsor

---

**Name:** Rep. Dingell, John D. [D-MI-15]

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

**Cosponsors** (104 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Bell, Chris [D-TX-25]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Berry, Marion [D-AR-1]	D · AR		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Davis, Jim [D-FL-11]	D · FL		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Edwards, Chet [D-TX-11]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Etheridge, Bob [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Lampson, Nick [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Lipinski, William O. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Meehan, Martin T. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2004

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Sandlin, Max [D-TX-1]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Skelton, Ike [D-MO-4]	D · MO		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	D · SC		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Stenholm, Charles W. [D-TX-17]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]	D · MI		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Tauscher, Ellen O. [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Turner, Jim [D-TX-2]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2004
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-10]	D · TX		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Hoeffel, Joseph M. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jun 22, 2004
Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	D · VA		Jun 23, 2004
Rep. Matsui, Robert T. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2004
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Jun 23, 2004
Rep. Allen, Thomas H. [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jun 25, 2004
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jun 25, 2004
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Jul 6, 2004
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jul 6, 2004

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jul 6, 2004
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jul 6, 2004
Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jul 6, 2004
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Jul 13, 2004
Rep. John, Christopher [D-LA-7]	D · LA		Jul 13, 2004
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jul 13, 2004
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jul 22, 2004
Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Sep 8, 2004
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Sep 8, 2004
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Sep 8, 2004
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Sep 8, 2004
Rep. Houghton, Amo [R-NY-29]	R · NY		Sep 14, 2004
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Sep 14, 2004
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Sep 23, 2004
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Sep 23, 2004
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Sep 30, 2004
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Sep 30, 2004
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Oct 5, 2004
Rep. Sabo, Martin Olav [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Oct 6, 2004
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Oct 8, 2004
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Oct 8, 2004

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 7, 2004
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 19, 2004
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 21, 2004

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HRES 773	Procedurally related	<b>Sep 30, 2004:</b> Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Edwards. Petition No: 108-13. (<a href="http://clerk.house.gov/108/lrc/pd/Petitions/Dis13.htm">Discharge petition</a> text with signatures.)

Patient Bill of Rights Act of 2004 - Amends the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code to apply patient protection and quality care standards to group health plans and issuers of health insurance coverage. Applies such standards also to Federal health insurance programs.

Requires such plans and issuers to have approved utilization review programs, claims procedures, and appeal procedures concerning claims denials.

Requires patient access to health plan information and to care, including: (1) a consumer choice option and choice of health care professional; (2) emergency care; (3) timely access to specialists; (4) obstetrics, gynecology, and pediatrics; (5) care continuity; (6) prescription drugs; (7) participation in clinical trials; and (8) breast cancer treatment hospital stays and consultations.

Restricts interference by a plan or insurer with the doctor-patient relationship. Prohibits discrimination against a licensed health care professional with respect to participation or indemnification. Sets forth requirements relating to payment of claims and protection of patient advocacy.

Provides a tax credit for the health insurance expenses of small businesses. Treats qualified health benefit purchasing distributions by private foundations as distributions for a charitable purpose.

Establishes demonstration grants programs to: (1) increase access to health insurance through alternative means; and (2) provide health insurance information to small employers.

---

### **Actions Timeline**

- **Sep 7, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- **Jul 19, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 21, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 21, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 21, 2004:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Ways and Means, 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.
- **Jun 21, 2004:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Ways and Means, 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.
- **Jun 21, 2004:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Ways and Means, 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.
- **Jun 21, 2004:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Ways and Means, 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.