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Health Care That Works for All Americans Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Mar 10, 2003)

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Health Care That Works for All Americans Act of 2003 - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, to establish a Citizens' Health Care Working Group (the "Working Group"). Directs the Working Group to hold hearings for various purposes, including to examine: (1) the capacity of the public and private health care systems to expand coverage options; (2) innovative State strategies used to expand health care coverage and lower health care costs; and (3) efforts to enroll individuals currently eligible for public or private health care coverage.

Requires the Working Group to make a report available to the general public which shall be entitled, "The Health Report to the American People."

Directs the Working Group to: (1) initiate health care community meetings throughout the United States; and (2) submit to Congress final recommendations, including any proposed legislative language to implement such recommendations.

Permits certain congressional committees to draft legislative language based on the recommendations of the Working Group if the Working Group does not draft such language. Allows the President to submit legislative language to Congress based on the recommendations of the Working Group. Sets forth procedures for consideration by Congress of legislative language proposed under this Act.

## Actions Timeline

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