

## HR 953

Senator Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 27, 2003

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. (Mar 24, 2003)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-bill/953>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]

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

**Cosponsors** (249 total)

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Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Feb 27, 2003
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Feb 27, 2003
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Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Feb 27, 2003
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Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Feb 27, 2003
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Rep. Burns, Max [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Carson, Brad [D-OK-2]	D · OK		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Carson, Julia [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Davis, Jim [D-FL-11]	D · FL		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Davis, Lincoln [D-TN-4]	D · TN		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Delahunt, William D. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Feb 27, 2003

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Rep. Dingell, John D. [D-MI-15]	D · MI		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-10]	D · TX		Feb 27, 2003
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Rep. Etheridge, Bob [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Ford, Harold E., Jr. [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Frelinghuysen, Rodney P. [R-NJ-11]	R · NJ		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Gilchrest, Wayne T. [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Greenwood, James C. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2003
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Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Feb 27, 2003
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Rep. Hooley, Darlene [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Feb 27, 2003
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Rep. Jones, Stephanie Tubbs [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Kelly, Sue W. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL-10]	R · IL		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Kleczka, Gerald D. [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Feb 27, 2003
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Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Leach, James A. [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003

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Rep. Lipinski, William O. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2003
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Rep. Matsui, Robert T. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Feb 27, 2003
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Rep. Meehan, Martin T. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Feb 27, 2003
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Rep. Miller, Gary G. [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Feb 27, 2003
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Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Murtha, John P. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Norwood, Charles W. [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Quinn, Jack [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Ramstad, Jim [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Feb 27, 2003

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Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
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Rep. Sabo, Martin Olav [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Saxton, Jim [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Feb 27, 2003
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Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]	R · CT		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Simmons, Rob [R-CT-2]	R · CT		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Skelton, Ike [D-MO-4]	D · MO		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]	D · AR		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]	D · MI		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Sweeney, John E. [R-NY-20]	R · NY		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Tauscher, Ellen O. [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Walsh, James T. [R-NY-25]	R · NY		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Mar 4, 2003
Rep. McCarthy, Karen [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Mar 4, 2003
Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Mar 4, 2003
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		Mar 4, 2003
Rep. Sullivan, John [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Mar 4, 2003
Rep. Wu, David [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Mar 4, 2003

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Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Mar 5, 2003
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Mar 5, 2003
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Mar 5, 2003
Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Mar 5, 2003
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Mar 5, 2003
Rep. Turner, Jim [D-TX-2]	D · TX		Mar 5, 2003
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Mar 11, 2003
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Mar 11, 2003
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Mar 11, 2003
Rep. Renzi, Rick [R-AZ-1]	R · AZ		Mar 11, 2003
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Mar 11, 2003
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		Mar 12, 2003
Rep. Majette, Denise L. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Mar 12, 2003
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Mar 12, 2003
Rep. Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Mar 12, 2003
Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Mar 18, 2003
Rep. Davis, Artur [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Mar 18, 2003
Rep. Kanjorski, Paul E. [D-PA-11]	D · PA		Mar 18, 2003
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Mar 18, 2003
Rep. Bell, Chris [D-TX-25]	D · TX		Mar 19, 2003
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Mar 19, 2003
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Mar 20, 2003
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. Jefferson, William J. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. Lucas, Ken [D-KY-4]	D · KY		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1]	R · NM		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Cramer, Robert E. (Bud), Jr. [D-AL-5]	D · AL		Mar 31, 2003
Rep. Harman, Jane [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Mar 31, 2003
Rep. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Mar 31, 2003
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Mar 31, 2003
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Apr 1, 2003

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Rep. Hill, Baron P. [D-IN-9]	D · IN		Apr 1, 2003
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Gephardt, Richard A. [D-MO-3]	D · MO		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Hastings, Doc [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Lampson, Nick [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Millender-McDonald, Juanita [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Sandlin, Max [D-TX-1]	D · TX		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	D · SC		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Tanner, John S. [D-TN-8]	D · TN		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Pickering, Charles W. "Chip" [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Pomeroy, Earl [D-ND-At Large]	D · ND		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Apr 7, 2003
Resident Commissioner Acevedo-Vila, Anibal [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Apr 8, 2003
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Apr 11, 2003
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Apr 29, 2003
Rep. Weldon, Curt [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		May 6, 2003
Rep. Ferguson, Mike [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		May 8, 2003
Rep. Alexander, Rodney [D-LA-5]	D · LA		May 19, 2003
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]	R · NY		Jun 5, 2003
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-19]	R · IL		Jun 9, 2003
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-3]	R · OH		Jun 10, 2003
Rep. Meek, Kendrick B. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Jun 11, 2003
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Jun 17, 2003
Rep. LaHood, Ray [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Jun 18, 2003
Rep. Gingrey, Phil [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Oct 2, 2003
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Mar 30, 2004
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Mar 30, 2004
Rep. Chandler, Ben [D-KY-6]	D · KY		May 20, 2004
Rep. Herseth, Stephanie [D-SD-At Large]	D · SD		Jun 24, 2004
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Sep 9, 2004
Rep. Harris, Katherine [R-FL-13]	R · FL		Sep 14, 2004

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2003
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 10, 2003

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Feb 27, 2003)

Senator Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2003 - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain employee group health plans or related insurances providing both medical-surgical and mental health benefits from imposing mental health treatment limitations or financial requirements unless comparable limitations and requirements are imposed upon medical-surgical benefits. States that the foregoing shall not be construed as requiring a group health plan (or related insurances) to: (1) provide any mental health benefits; (2) prevent the medical management of mental health benefits; or (3) require the provision of specific mental health services, except to the extent that failure to provide such services would result in a disparity between the coverage of mental health and medical-surgical benefits.

Exempts specified small employers from such requirements.

Requires that, in the case of a group health plan that offers a participant or beneficiary two or more benefit package options, the coverage requirements shall be applied separately with respect to each such option.

Provides that, in the case of a plan or insurance providing in-network mental health benefits, out-of-network mental health benefits need not be provided at parity to medical-surgical benefits, as long as in-network mental health benefits are provided at parity with medical-surgical benefits and the plan or insurance provides reasonable access to in-network providers and facilities.

Requires a General Accounting Office study of such requirements' effects upon health insurance costs, access, and quality and a cost estimation of extending such requirements to the treatment of substance abuse and chemical dependency.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- **Mar 10, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Feb 27, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 27, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E312)
- **Feb 27, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on 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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