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Healthcare Equality and Accountability Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 29, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 3561	Related bill	May 9, 2006: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2320)

Summary (as of Jul 29, 2005)

Healthcare Equality and Accountability Act - FamilyCare Act of 2005 - Renames title XXI (State Children's Health Insurance Program) (SCHIP) of the Social Security Act as the FamilyCare Program and extends coverage to certain low-income adults.

Establishes the National Commission for Expanded Access to Health Care.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to provide limited English proficient individuals with improved access to health care, including by establishing the Center for Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Healthcare.

Provides for activities regarding: (1) health workforce diversity; (2) disparities in health and health care experienced by indigenous, racial, and ethnic minorities; and (3) data collection, analysis, and reporting by race, ethnicity, and primary language.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish: (1) the Office of Health Disparities within the Office of Civil Rights to prevent discrimination in federal programs; and (2) the Office of Minority Affairs within the Office of the Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

Restablishes the Indian Health Service as an agency of the Public Health Service to be administered by an Assistant Secretary of Indian Health.

Minority Health and Genomics Act of 2005 - Establishes the Minority Health and Genomics Commission to study issues relating to genomics research as applied to minority groups.

Establishes the Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice and the Federal Environmental Justice Advisory Committee.

Sets forth programs designed to improve the quality of and access to health care for minorities, including by establishing the Health Safety Net Infrastructure Trust Fund.

Requires the Secretary to establish: (1) the Annie Dodge Wauneka and Susan Laflesche-Picotte Native American Health and Wellness Foundation; and (2) a Joint Working Group on Telehealth.

Authorizes integrative eldercare, American Indian and Alaska Native, and oral health telehealth demonstration projects.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 10, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1070)
- **Jul 29, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 29, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9498-9499)
- **Jul 29, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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