

## HR 2203

Patients' Health Care Reform Act

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 5, 2005

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. (May 31, 2005)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Shadegg, John B. [R-AZ-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-3]	R · IN		May 12, 2005

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2005
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 23, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 5, 2005

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Patients' Health Care Reform Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment and governance of : (1) HealthMarts, which are nonprofit organizations that offer health benefits coverage to employers, employees, and individuals through contracts with health insurance issuers; and (2) individual membership associations (IMAs), which are organizations that offer health benefits coverage to members through health insurance issuer contracts.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to pay 50 percent of a state's costs to provide health benefits coverage under a high-risk pool, a reinsurance pool, or other risk-adjustment mechanisms used to subsidize the purchase of private health insurance.

Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005 - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to provide for establishment and governance of association health plans, which are group health plans whose sponsors are trade, industry, professional, chamber of commerce, or similar business associations and which meet certain ERISA certification requirements.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to provide individuals with a tax credit for payments for qualified health insurance and allows the Secretary to make advance payments of the credit to providers. Excludes from gross income any compensating coverage payment made by an employer to an employee who elects not to participate in the employer's subsidized health plan.

Requires health insurance issuers offering coverage in connection with a group health plan to provide certain information to the administrator of the plan, including information regarding: (1) plan benefits and exclusions; (2) a participant's financial responsibilities; and (3) legal recourse options for participants and beneficiaries.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **May 31, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- **May 23, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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