

## HR 2259

Patients' Bill of Rights Act of 2005

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 11, 2005
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Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2005
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Oct 19, 2005
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Dec 15, 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 17, 2005

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 2650	Related bill	<b>Jul 11, 2005:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
109 S 1012	Identical bill	<b>May 12, 2005:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5075-5099)

Patients' Bill of Rights Act of 2005 - Amends the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and the Internal Revenue Code to set forth requirements for health plans or issuers of health insurance coverage, including requirements for: (1) utilization review activities; (2) procedures for claims benefits processing, prior authorization determinations, appeals, and internal reviews; and (3) access for an independent, external review.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish the Health Care Consumer Assistance Fund to award grants to States for consumer assistance activities designed to provide information, assistance, and referrals to consumers of health insurance products.

Sets forth requirements for managed care programs and their access to care, including requiring such programs to: (1) offer coverage that allows for non-network coverage through another plan or issuer; (2) provide access to out-of-network emergency care without prior authorization; and (3) provide timely access to specialists.

Requires certain annual disclosures from health plans or issuers, including disclosures of covered benefits, cost-sharing requirements, and participating providers.

Prohibits a plan or issuer from: (1) restricting a health care professional's ability to advise a patient on the health of an individual or on medical care or treatment for the individual's condition or disease; and (2) operating any physician incentive plan.

Establishes a cause of action against a plan or issuer that fails to exercise ordinary care in making a decision that results in a personal injury or death to a participant or beneficiary.

Provides a tax credit to small businesses for expenses paid by the business for health insurance coverage of employees.

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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.
- **May 17, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 11, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **May 11, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E937)
- **May 11, 2005:** 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.
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