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Health Partnership Act

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Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 9, 2006
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Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 24, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 9, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5864	Related bill	Aug 1, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Health Partnership Act - Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a State Health Innovation Commission. Requires the Commission to: (1) provide states with reform options for state health care expansion and improvement programs; (2) establish minimum performance measures and goals with respect to coverage, quality, and cost of state programs; (3) review state applications and determine whether to submit a state proposal to Congress; and (4) submit to Congress a list of state applications that the Commission recommends for approval. Deems such proposals to be approved unless a joint resolution has been enacted disapproving such proposal. Sets forth rules for congressional consideration of such proposals.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) provide a grant to a state that has an application approved to enable such state to carry out an innovative state health program; (2) give priority to those state programs that the Commission determines have the greatest opportunity to succeed in providing expanded health insurance coverage and improving health access; and (3) link state allocations to the meeting of the goals and performance measures established under this Act.

Prohibits states from: (1) failing to maintain the same level of expenditures for health care coverage; (2) changing eligibility criteria for state medical assistance programs; or (3) permitting the imposition of any preexisting condition exclusion for covered benefits, with exceptions.

Actions Timeline

- **May 9, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 9, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4215-4216)
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