

HR 2936

Second Opinion Coverage Act of 2005

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jun 16, 2005

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

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. (Jul 25, 2005)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 25, 2005
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 1, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 30, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Second Opinion Coverage Act of 2005 - Amends the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and the Internal Revenue Code to require a group health plan and an issuer offering group coverage to provide coverage for second opinions upon request under certain circumstances, including if: (1) the participant questions the reasonableness or necessity of recommended surgical procedures or of a diagnosis or plan of care for a condition that threatens loss or substantial impairment of life, limb, or bodily function; (2) the clinical indications are not clear or are complex or confusing, a diagnosis is in doubt due to conflicting test results, or the treating health care professional is unable to diagnose the condition; (3) the treatment plan in progress is not improving the medical condition of the participant; and (4) the participant has attempted to follow the plan of care or has consulted with the initial provider concerning serious concerns about the diagnosis or plan of care.

Applies such requirements to coverage offered in the individual market.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 25, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- **Jul 1, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 30, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 17, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1266-1267)
- **Jun 16, 2005:** Introduced in House
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