

HR 3204

State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jul 12, 2005
Rep. Jindal, Bobby [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Jul 19, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 14, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 4519	Related bill	Feb 10, 2006: Became Public Law No: 109-172.
109 S 288	Related bill	Jul 29, 2005: By Senator Enzi from Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions filed written report. Report No. 109-121.

State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize funds for grants to each state that has not created a qualified high risk pool for the state's cost to create and initially operate such a pool.

Increases the maximum allowable premium charged under a qualified high risk pool to 200% of the premium for applicable standard risk rates. Defines "standard risk rate" as a rate that: (1) is determined under the state high risk pool by considering the premiums charged by other health insurers in the same market; (2) is established using reasonable actuarial techniques; and (3) reflects anticipated claims experience and expenses.

Permits grants awarded by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to states with existing qualified high risk pools to cover operating losses to be made to entities that operate such a pool under applicable state law. Changes the allocation of such grants to give 40% to eligible states equally, 30% based on the number of uninsured individuals in a state relative to all states, and 30% based on the number of enrollees in a state's qualified high risk pool relative to all states. (Currently, all funds are allotted based solely on the number of uninsured individuals in the state.)

Requires a state which charges premiums that exceed 150% of the premium for applicable standard risk to use at least 50% of the grant amount to reduce premiums for enrollees.

Limits the maximum grant amount allotted to territories.

Requires the Secretary to award grants to states with qualified high risk pools for the provision of supplemental consumer benefits, which must include one or more of the following: (1) low-income premium subsidies; (2) a reduction in premium trends, actual premiums, or other cost-sharing requirements; (3) an expansion or broadening of the pool of individuals eligible for coverage; (4) less stringent rules or additional waiver authority with respect to coverage of preexisting conditions; (5) increased benefits; or (6) establishment of disease management programs. Limits to 10% of appropriated funds the amount that any state may be allotted.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2006-FY2010 and appropriates funds for FY 2006.

Sets forth reporting requirements.

Revises the definition of "qualified high risk pool" to allow a state to elect to meet the requirement to provide all eligible individuals with health insurance coverage by utilizing an acceptable alternative mechanism that includes a high risk pool as a component.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 20, 2005:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 19, 2005:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S11597-11598)
- **Oct 19, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 19, 2005:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 28, 2005:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 181.
- **Jul 27, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 109-192.
- **Jul 27, 2005:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 116.
- **Jul 27, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 109-192.
- **Jul 27, 2005:** Mr. Deal (GA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 27, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6668-6671)
- **Jul 27, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3204.
- **Jul 27, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6668-6669)
- **Jul 27, 2005:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6668-6669)
- **Jul 27, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 20, 2005:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 20, 2005:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 14, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 14, 2005:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 14, 2005:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 12, 2005:** Introduced in House
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