

HR 4256

American Health Benefits Program Act of 2005

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Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 22, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 8, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

American Health Benefits Program Act of 2005 - Amends the Social Security Act (SSA) to establish under a new title XXII (American Health Benefits Program) a program to provide comprehensive health insurance coverage to all Americans who are: (1) not covered under certain federal health insurance programs; and (2) not eligible for employer-provided insurance coverage. Requires provision of such coverage in a manner similar to that in which coverage has been provided to Members of Congress, federal government employees, retirees, and their dependents under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

Establishes in the Treasury an American Health Benefits Program Trust Fund.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) impose on every employer an excise tax equal to the applicable percentage of the wages paid employees; and (2) allow a tax credit to certain individuals equal to the sum of the aggregate amount of premiums paid (other than government contributions) with respect to the individual's coverage, and the applicable premium subsidy for any eligible individual.

Amends SSA title XIX (Medicaid) to provide for an increase in the federal Medicaid assistance percentage (FMAP) for American Health Benefits Program-covered services.

Terminates the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) under SSA title XXI upon the initiation of the American Health Benefits Program.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 22, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Nov 8, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 8, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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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