

HR 4519

State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2006

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: AZ • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Dec 16, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 3, 2006
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Feb 2, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 3204	Related bill	Oct 20, 2005: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
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.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here, with an updated short title.)**

State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2006 - (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 losses incurred by a state in connection with the operation of such a pool 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 risks 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 benefits: (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.

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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- **Feb 10, 2006:** Signed by President.
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- **Feb 10, 2006:** Became Public Law No: 109-172.
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- **Feb 3, 2006:** Presented to President.
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- **Feb 2, 2006:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 1, 2006:** Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S460)
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- **Feb 1, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 1, 2006:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 1, 2006:** Cleared for White House.
- **Jan 27, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Jan 3, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 17, 2005:** Mr. Burgess moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 17, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H12072-12075)
- **Dec 17, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4519.
- **Dec 17, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H12072-12073)
- **Dec 17, 2005:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H12072-12073)
- **Dec 17, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 17, 2005:** Received in the Senate.
- **Dec 13, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Dec 13, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.