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Health Partnership Act

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Policy Area: Health
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#### **Sponsor**

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Party: Democratic • State: NM • Chamber: Senate

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| Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH] | R · OH        |      | Jan 17, 2007 |
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## **Committee Activity**

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jan 18, 2007 |

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

### **Policy Area:**

Health

#### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

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**

- Jan 17, 2007: Introduced in Senate
- Jan 17, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S696-698)
- Jan 17, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S698-701)