

HR 4705

Vaccines for the Uninsured Adult Act of 2008

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions. (Feb 5, 2008)

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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	Feb 5, 2008
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 13, 2007
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 13, 2007
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 20, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 4993	Identical bill	<b>Feb 28, 2008:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
110 S 2466	Identical bill	<b>Dec 13, 2007:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Vaccines for the Uninsured Adult Act of 2008 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to: (1) require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a program for the free distribution of adult vaccines through states to adults who do not have health insurance coverage, who receive such vaccines at federally-qualified health centers or federal, state, or local correctional institutions, and who are uninsured with respect to such vaccines; (2) require the Secretary to develop and maintain a plan to respond to vaccine shortages and to implement a plan to educate the public about adult immunization; and (3) allocate funds for state programs to provide free adult immunization and to require states receiving federal funding to develop plans to respond to vaccine shortages.

Amends title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act to prohibit co-payments and cost-sharing charges for adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) establish standards for the measurement of use by Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries of routinely recommended adult immunizations; and (2) study including adult immunization by Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries as a performance measure under quality initiatives; (3) establish standards for the measurement of use by health care workers of adult immunizations for influenza; (4) study the best practices of health insurers and managed care organizations to encourage the use of adult immunizations; and (5) study the feasibility and advisability of including health care worker immunization rates as a performance measure for accreditation under Medicare.

Requires coverage of adult immunization services under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP).

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 5, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Dec 20, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, Ways and Means, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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.
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.