

## HR 6444

Healthy Americans Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 9, 2008
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 9, 2008
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 9, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 9, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 3163	Related bill	<b>Sep 19, 2007:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
110 S 334	Related bill	<b>Sep 7, 2007:</b> Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11264-11267)

Healthy Americans Act - Requires each adult to have the opportunity to purchase a Healthy Americans Private Insurance Plan (HAPI plan), which includes employer-sponsored health coverage. Makes individuals who are not enrolled in another specified health plan and who are not opposed to coverage for religious reasons responsible for enrolling themselves and their dependent children in a HAPI plan. Sets forth penalties for failure to enroll.

Establishes standardized coverage and state options for HAPI plans. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate guidelines concerning the benefits, items, and services to be covered. Sets forth requirements for setting premiums. Requires the Secretary to establish the Healthy America Advisory Committee to provide annual recommendations concerning modifications to the benefits, items, and services required. Provides for premium subsidies based on income.

Authorizes states to establish a State Choices for Long-Term Care Program to provide long-term care coverage to individuals.

Requires the Secretary to establish Chronic Care Education Centers.

Requires states to establish or designate a state Health Help Agency to carry out the administration of HAPI plans and to promote prevention and wellness for residents.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to require employers and individuals to each make shared responsibility payments for HAPI plan premiums.

Sets forth requirements for health insurance issuers offering a HAPI plan.

Establishes the Healthy Americans Public Health Trust Fund for the payment of premium subsidies.

Terminates federal health benefits coverage, including coverage provided under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program, state Medicaid coverage, and the State Children's Health Insurance program (SCHIP).

Enhanced Health Care Value for All Act of 2007 (*sic*)- Provides for a Comparative Effectiveness Advisory Board and a Health Care Comparative Effectiveness Research Trust Fund.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 9, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 9, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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