

## HR 7166

American Health Care Access Improvement, Portability, and Cost Reduction Act of 2008

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Sep 26, 2008

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials. (Sep 26, 2008)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Sali, Bill [R-ID-1]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** ID • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 26, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 26, 2008

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

American Health Care Access Improvement, Portability, and Cost Reduction Act of 2008 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) to allow qualified primary care physicians or qualified nurse practitioners a tax credit of \$1,000 for each month such providers provide services in a health professional shortage area.

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to make changes to the conversion factor for FY2010 for physicians Medicare payments.

Allows a refundable tax credit for qualified health insurance coverage. Provides for advance payment of such credit.

Revises IRC provisions relating to health savings accounts (HSAs) to: (1) allow HSAs to incorporate flexible spending and health reimbursement arrangements; (2) increase the annual HSA contribution limitation; (3) permit the use of HSAs to purchase health insurance; (4) allow the payment of certain medical expenses incurred before the establishment of an HSA; (5) allow veterans eligible for service-connected disability benefits to establish an HSA; and (6) allow spouses to make increased catch-up contributions to a single HSA.

Requires the inclusion of education information about advance directives in the annual notice of Medicare benefits sent to eligible individuals.

Revises provisions concerning Medicare+Choice private fee-for-service plans related to access standards under the plans and utilization.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Sep 26, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 26, 2008:** 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.
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.