

S 1050

Informed Consumer Choices in Health Care Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 14, 2009

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5524-5527) (May 14, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/1050>

Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WV • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		May 14, 2009
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		May 14, 2009
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 21, 2009
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 4, 2009
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 11, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 14, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2427	Identical bill	<b>May 15, 2009:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Informed Consumer Choices in Health Care Act of 2009 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to: (1) develop standards for health insurance issuers in providing information to group health plans, for forms used in connection with group health insurance coverage, for quality assurance, for marketing of group health insurance coverage, and for the accuracy and clarity of coverage for out-of-network providers; (2) undertake activities to promote accountability of health insurance issuers in meeting federal health insurance requirements; (3) provide grants to Departments of Insurance in states to assist in enforcement of federal health insurance requirements governing health insurance issuers operating in such states; (4) undertake activities to promote transparency in costs, market practices, and other factors for health insurance coverage; and (5) establish within HHS an Office of Health Insurance Oversight to promote accountability and transparency in health insurance and provide for assistance to consumers in selecting health care coverage.

Directs the Secretaries of Labor and the Treasury to establish standards and accountability and transparency initiatives for group health plans comparable to the standards established by the HHS Secretary under this Act.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **May 14, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 14, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5523-5524, S5528)
- **May 14, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5524-5527)