

## HR 1321

Healthy Americans Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 6, 2009)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Castle, Michael N. [R-DE-At Large]	R · DE		Mar 5, 2009
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Mar 5, 2009
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Mar 5, 2009
Rep. Harman, Jane [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Mar 5, 2009
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Mar 5, 2009
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Mar 5, 2009
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		May 13, 2009
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		May 20, 2009
Rep. Berry, Marion [D-AR-1]	D · AR		Jun 25, 2009
Rep. Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD-At Large]	D · SD		Jul 31, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 5, 2009
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2009
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 5, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 5, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 391	Related bill	<b>Feb 5, 2009:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Healthy Americans Act - Requires each adult individual to have the opportunity to purchase a Healthy Americans Private Insurance Plan (HAPI), which is: (1) a plan offered by a state; or (2) an employer-sponsored health coverage plan. 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 offered through their state of residence. 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 recommendations concerning modifications to the benefits, items, and services required.

Provides for the provision of health services through school-based health centers.

Authorizes states to establish and operate a State Choices for Long-Term Care Program.

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 Program and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

Provides for appointment of a Comparative Effectiveness Advisory Board.

Establishes a Health Care Comparative Effectiveness Research Trust Fund.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Mar 6, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 5, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 5, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Mar 5, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Labor, 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.
- **Mar 5, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means
- **Mar 5, 2009:** Referred to House Education and Labor
- **Mar 5, 2009:** Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform