

HR 1339

Children's Access to Reconstructive Evaluation & Surgery (CARES) Act of 2009

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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. (Apr 29, 2009)

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| Rep. Richardson, Laura [D-CA-37] | D · CA | | Jul 10, 2009 |
| Rep. Carnahan, Russ [D-MO-3] | D · MO | | Jul 20, 2009 |
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| Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2] | D · UT | | Apr 21, 2010 |

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| Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10] | D · NJ | | May 11, 2010 |
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| Rep. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM-1] | D · NM | | May 24, 2010 |
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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred to | Apr 29, 2009 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Mar 6, 2009 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred To | Mar 5, 2009 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 111 S 1235 | Identical bill | Jun 11, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

Summary (as of Mar 5, 2009)

Children's Access to Reconstructive Evaluation & Surgery (CARES) Act of 2009 - Amends the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and the Internal Revenue Code to require a group health plan that covers surgical benefits to also cover outpatient and inpatient diagnosis and treatment of a congenital or developmental deformity, disease, or injury of a minor child (defined as child under the age of 22).

Requires that such coverage: (1) be subject to pre-authorization or pre-certification requirements of the plan or issuer; and (2) include any surgical treatment deemed by the treating physician to be medically necessary to approximate a normal appearance. Defines "treatment" to include reconstructive surgical procedures that are performed on abnormal structures of the body caused by congenital defects, abnormalities, trauma, infection, tumors, or disease, including: (1) procedures that do not materially affect the function of the body part being treated; and (2) procedures for secondary conditions and follow-up treatment. Excludes cosmetic surgery performed to reshape normal structures of the body to improve appearance or self-esteem.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 29, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **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 Education and Labor, and Ways and Means, 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 Education and Labor
- **Mar 5, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means