

## HR 194

### MediKids Health Insurance Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 6, 2009

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jan 14, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/194>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]

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

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 14, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 6, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 958	Related bill	May 1, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5023-5027)

## **Summary** (as of Jan 6, 2009)

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MediKids Health Insurance Act of 2009 - Amends the Social Security Act to establish the MediKids program to guarantee comprehensive health coverage for all children born after 2009.

Creates in the Treasury the MediKids Trust Fund.

Expands the duties of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MEDPAC).

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) impose on all except very low-income taxpayers a MediKids premium; and (2) create a refundable tax credit providing a catastrophic limit on cost-sharing expenses.

Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to propose a gradual schedule of progressive tax changes to fund the MediKids program, as the number of enrollees grows in the out-years.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to identify and publish for general comment an initial, recommended core set of child health quality measures for use under the MediKids Program, by state programs administered under titles XIX (Medicaid) and XXI (State Children's Health Insurance) (SCHIP) of the Social Security Act, health insurance issuers and managed care entities that enter into contracts with such programs, and providers of items and services.

Directs the Secretary to establish a pediatric quality measures program.

Directs the Secretary to award up to 10 grants to states and child health providers to conduct demonstration projects to evaluate promising ideas for improving the quality of children's health care.

Directs the Secretary to conduct a demonstration project to develop a comprehensive and systematic model for reducing childhood obesity.

Directs the Secretary to establish a program to encourage the development and dissemination of a model electronic health record format for children.

Directs the Institute of Medicine to study and report to Congress on efforts to measure child health status and the quality of health care.

Directs the Comptroller General to study and report to specified congressional committees on children's access to primary and speciality services under Medicaid, CHIP, and MediKids.

Requires application of certain managed care quality safeguards to SCHIP.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 14, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E18-19)
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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.
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means