

SCONRES 32

A bill expressing the sense of Congress on health care reform legislation.

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced:

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 25, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary

(as of Jun 25, 2009)

Expresses the sense of Congress that any health care reform legislation should include, with respect to health plans: (1) support for consumer education and assistance with enrollment; (2) assistance for people asserting consumer rights; (3) a strengthened system of consumer protections, including an appeal mechanism within a health plan, coverage for emergency care without prior authorization, verification of accurate out-of-network copayment charges, and protections against balance billing in emergency situations and where in-network providers are unavailable, against mid-year health plan changes that could impact the enrollee's cost-sharing or access to services, and against misleading marketing; and (4) a strengthened enforcement system of consumer rights for claims involving systemic violations of consumer protections, including sanctions.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 25, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
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