

## HR 3559

Supporting ColoRectal Examination and Education Now (SCREEN) Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Sep 14, 2009

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Sep 15, 2009)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Sep 29, 2009
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Oct 27, 2009
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		May 11, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 15, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 14, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1511	Related bill	Jul 23, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Supporting ColoRectal Examination and Education Now (SCREEN) Act of 2009 - Declares the sense of Congress that colorectal cancer screening tests and the provisions of this Act should be included as part of any basic benefit package in any legislation that may be enacted to provide health insurance coverage, public or private, to persons under age 65.

Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to make grants to states and Indian tribes for colorectal health programs.

Directs the Secretary to establish a program to notify all beneficiaries annually about coverage of colorectal cancer screening tests under title XVII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA).

Amends SSA title XIX (Medicaid), as amended by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, to require any state Medicaid plan that includes colorectal cancer screening tests to provide for a program to notify individuals at risk for colon cancer, including high-risk minorities, who are over an appropriate age, of the availability of medical assistance for colorectal cancer screening tests.

Amends SSA title XVIII (Medicare) to eliminate coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests.

Prescribes annual reporting requirements under the Medicare Advantage program with regard to colorectal cancer screening tests.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) establish a national minimum standard for basic knowledge, training, continuing education, and documentation for suppliers who furnish colorectal cancer screening tests; (2) determine age-based goal rates for such tests; and (3) establish an upward preventive service payment modifier for qualifying tests furnished on or after January 1, 2010, which reflects the Secretary's annual determination of the appropriate amount of additional payment sufficient to increase the rate of colorectal cancer screening tests.

Extends Medicare coverage to an office visit or consultation prior to a qualifying screening colonoscopy.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 15, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 14, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 14, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2256-2257)
- **Sep 14, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Sep 14, 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.
- **Sep 14, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means