

## S 819

### Autism Treatment Acceleration Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Apr 2, 2009
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 2, 2009
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 20, 2009
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 20, 2009
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 20, 2009
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 12, 2009
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 12, 2009
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 18, 2009
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 18, 2009
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		May 20, 2009
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 24, 2009
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 6, 2009
Sen. Burris, Roland [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 20, 2009
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jul 20, 2009
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 27, 2009
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Aug 5, 2009
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Aug 6, 2009
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		Sep 9, 2009
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 14, 2009
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 7, 2009
Sen. Kirk, Paul Grattan, Jr. [D-MA]	D · MA		Oct 29, 2009

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 3, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2413	Related bill	Jun 11, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

## Summary (as of Apr 2, 2009)

Autism Treatment Acceleration Act of 2009 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to implement an Autism Care Center Program to provide grants and other assistance to improve the effectiveness and efficiency in providing comprehensive care to individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) provide grants for services to enable adults with autism spectrum disorders to be as independent as possible; (2) establish the National Registry for Autism Spectrum Disorders; and (3) award grants for multimedia campaigns to increase public education and awareness and reduce stigma concerning such disorders.

Establishes the Interdepartmental Autism Coordinating Committee to coordinate all federal efforts concerning autism spectrum disorders. Repeals provisions establishing the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee to coordinate all efforts within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) concerning autism spectrum disorders.

Requires the Secretary to establish: (1) the National Network for Autism Spectrum Disorders Research and Services to provide resources for, and facilitate communication between, autism spectrum disorder researchers and service providers; and (2) a National Data Repository for Autism Spectrum Disorders Research and Services to facilitate the development and rapid dissemination of research into best practices that improve care.

Requires the Secretary to award national training initiative supplemental grants to address the unmet needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and the Public Health Service Act to require group health plans to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. Applies such requirement to coverage offered in the individual market.

## Actions Timeline

- **Apr 2, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
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