

## HR 105

### Empowering Patients First Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 5, 2011

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions. (Feb 25, 2011)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 5, 2011
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 5, 2011
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jan 5, 2011
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2011
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 1, 2011
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 24, 2011
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 26, 2011
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 8, 2011
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 5, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 5, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6299	Related bill	Aug 3, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
112 HR 5652	Related bill	May 15, 2012: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 398.
112 HR 3000	Related bill	Nov 18, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
112 S 1099	Related bill	May 26, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
112 HR 1050	Related bill	Mar 21, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

Empowering Patients First Act - Repeals the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the health care provisions of the Health Care and Education and Reconciliation Act of 2010, effective as of their enactment. Restores or revives provisions amended or repealed by such Act or such health care provisions.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a tax credit for qualified health insurance costs to residents of a state that implements a high-risk pool, a reinsurance pool, or other risk-adjustment mechanism.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment and governance of individual membership associations (IMAs) to make available health benefits coverage to IMA members and their dependents.

Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2011 - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to provide for establishment and governance of association health plans, which are group health plans whose sponsors are trade, industry, professional, chamber of commerce, or similar business associations and which meet certain ERISA certification requirements.

Directs that the laws of the state designated by a health insurance issuer (primary state) shall apply to individual health insurance coverage offered by that issuer in the primary state and in any other state (secondary state), but only if the coverage and issuer comply with conditions of this Act.

Amends title XXI (Children's Health Insurance) (CHIP, formerly known as SCHIP) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to: (1) require a state CHIP plan to specify how it will achieve coverage for 90% of targeted low-income children; and (2) prohibit CHIP payments for children with family income above 300% of the applicable poverty line.

Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2011 - Sets conditions for lawsuits arising from health care liability claims regarding health care goods or services or any medical product affecting interstate commerce. Establishes a statute of limitations and limits noneconomic and punitive damages.

Permits a group health plan to vary premiums and cost-sharing by up to 50% of the benefits based on participation (or lack of participation) in a wellness program.

Requires a health insurance issuer to provide claims information, on request, to a plan, plan sponsor, or plan administrator.

Prohibits the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) from using comparative effectiveness research to deny coverage of an item or service under a federal health care program.

Authorizes a state to establish a Health Plan and Provider Portal website to standardize information on health insurance plans available in the state.

Revises the formula for determining rates in the fee schedule for Medicare physician payments.

Sets forth provisions regarding students loans and loan repayment for health care professionals.

Establishes discretionary spending limits for FY2011-FY2020 for new budget authority in the nondefense category. Amends the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reinstate budget provisions related to deficit reductions during a recession.

Rescinds unobligated balances of certain discretionary appropriations made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Repeals other provisions of such Act, including provisions providing fiscal assistance to states and setting limits on executive compensation.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 25, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Feb 8, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency, and Financial Management .
- **Feb 1, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 26, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Jan 24, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Jan 5, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 5, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, Education and the Workforce, Natural Resources, House Administration, Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Rules, Appropriations, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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.