

## HR 1311

Medical Foods Equity Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (May 18, 2011)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jun 15, 2011
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jun 15, 2011
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Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jun 24, 2011
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jul 13, 2011
Rep. Carney, John C., Jr. [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Jul 25, 2011
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Jan 17, 2012
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jul 19, 2012
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Aug 2, 2012

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	May 18, 2011
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 15, 2011
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 4, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 311	Identical bill	<b>Feb 8, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of Apr 1, 2011)

Medical Foods Equity Act of 2011 - Amends titles XVIII (Medicare), XIX (Medicaid), and XXI (Children's Health Insurance Program) (CHIP, formerly known as SCHIP) of the Social Security Act to include coverage of: (1) medically necessary food and food modified to be low protein that is formulated to be consumed or administered under the supervision of a physician and the medical equipment and supplies necessary to administer such food; and (2) pharmacological doses of vitamins and amino acids used for the treatment of inborn errors of metabolism. Applies such coverage requirements to the TRICARE program (military health care).

Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code to require health plans to provide coverage of such food, vitamins, and amino acids.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to determine the minimum yearly coverage for all health insurance plans based upon the expanded coverage provided by this Act. Authorizes the Secretary to establish age-specific minimum levels of coverage. Declares that the minimum yearly coverage determined by the Secretary shall not preempt any state standards that require a higher minimum yearly coverage level for the same services and benefits.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 18, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Apr 15, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Apr 7, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 4, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 1, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 1, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Armed Services, and Education and the Workforce, 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.