

## HR 1955

Children's Access to Reconstructive Evaluation & Surgery (CARES) Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 24, 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. (Sep 8, 2011)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 8, 2011
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 3, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1045	Identical bill	May 23, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Summary (as of May 24, 2011)

Children's Access to Reconstructive Evaluation & Surgery (CARES) Act of 2011 - Amends the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and the Internal Revenue Code to require a group or individual health plan that covers surgical benefits to also cover outpatient and inpatient diagnosis and treatment of a congenital or developmental deformity, disease, or injury of a minor child (defined as child under the age of 22).

Requires that such coverage: (1) be subject to pre-authorization or pre-certification requirements of the plan or issuer, and (2) include any surgical treatment deemed by the treating physician to be medically necessary to approximate a normal appearance. Defines "treatment" to include reconstructive surgical procedures that are performed on abnormal structures of the body caused by congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, trauma, burns, infection, tumors, or disease, including: (1) procedures that do not materially affect the function of the body part being treated, and (2) procedures for secondary conditions and follow-up treatment. Excludes cosmetic surgery performed to reshape normal structures of the body to improve appearance or self-esteem.

Applies the provisions of this Act to grandfathered health plans under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

## Actions Timeline

- Sep 8, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- Jun 3, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- May 31, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- May 24, 2011: Introduced in House
- May 24, 2011: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, 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.