

HR 346

Health Care Choice Act of 2011

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Jan 19, 2011
Rep. Garrett, Scott [R-NJ-5]	R · NJ		Jan 19, 2011
Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Jan 19, 2011
Rep. Lungren, Daniel E. [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Jan 19, 2011
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Jan 19, 2011
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Jan 19, 2011
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Mar 3, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 1, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 3682	Related bill	Mar 29, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
112 HR 371	Related bill	Feb 25, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Jan 19, 2011)

Health Care Choice Act of 2011 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to provide 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 the conditions of this Act.

Exempts issuers from any secondary state's laws that would prohibit or regulate the operation of the issuer in such state, subject to certain restrictions imposed by such state.

Specifies the notice that an issuer must provide in any insurance coverage offered in a secondary state and at renewal of the policy.

Requires each issuer issuing individual health insurance coverage in both primary and secondary states to submit to the insurance commissioners of such states: (1) a copy of the plan of operation or feasibility study; (2) written notice of any change in its designation of its primary state and of its compliance with all the laws of the primary state; and (3) a quarterly financial statement.

Prohibits an issuer from offering, selling, or issuing individual health insurance coverage in a secondary state if the state insurance commissioner does not use a risk-based capital formula for the determination of capital and surplus requirements for all issuers.

Gives sole jurisdiction to the primary state to enforce the primary state's covered laws in the primary state and any secondary state.

Requires the Comptroller General to study the effect of this Act on specified health insurance issues.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 1, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 19, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 19, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.