

## HR 4175

Insurance Fairness for Amputees Act

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 8, 2012

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions. (Mar 29, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/4175>

### Sponsor

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Mar 8, 2012
Rep. Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Apr 19, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 29, 2012
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 9, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 773	Related bill	<b>Apr 8, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Insurance Fairness for Amputees Act - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and the Public Health Service Act to require a group health plan that provides medical and surgical benefits and also provides benefits for prosthetics and custom orthotics to offer such prosthetics and custom orthotics in the same manner as applicable to medical and surgical benefits. Prohibits separate financial requirements or more restrictive treatment limitations. Requires a health plan that does not provide coverage for benefits outside of a network to ensure that such provider network is adequate to ensure enrollee access to prosthetic and custom orthotic devices and related services provided by appropriately credentialed practitioners and accredited suppliers.

Limits coverage for required benefits for prosthetics and custom orthotics to the most appropriate device or component that adequately meets the medical requirements of the patient. Requires benefits to include repair and replacement due to normal wear and tear, irreparable damage, a change in the condition of the patient, or as otherwise determined appropriate by the treating physician.

Prohibits any annual or lifetime dollar limitation on benefits for prosthetics and custom orthotics unless such limitation applies in the aggregate to all benefits.

Directs the Comptroller General (GAO) to study the effects of the implementation of this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 29, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Mar 9, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 8, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 8, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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.

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