

HR 4224

OPTION Act of 2012

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 20, 2012
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Mar 20, 2012
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 26, 2012
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 20, 2012
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 26, 2012
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 26, 2012
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 2, 2012
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 20, 2012
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Offering Patients True Individualized Options Now Act of 2012 or the OPTION Act of 2012 - Repeals Title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (provisions related to health insurance and health coverage expansion) and any amendments to such provisions made by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. Restores provisions of law amended or repealed by such provisions.

Amends Internal Revenue Code provisions relating to health savings accounts (HSAs) to: (1) eliminate the high deductible health plan coverage requirement for HSA participants, (2) increase to \$10,000 the maximum dollar amount of the tax deduction for payments to an HSA, and (3) permit Medicare (title XVIII of the Social Security Act) eligible individuals to contribute to an HSA.

Permits: (1) the tax deduction for medical expenses without the gross income percentage limitation, and (2) physicians a tax credit for providing charity care.

Extends continuation coverage under COBRA (health insurance continuation benefits under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985).

Amends title II (Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Benefits) of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a procedure to enroll a Medicare Part A beneficiary in the Medicare Reform Premium Assistance Program to buy private health insurance.

Amends Medicare provisions to allow certified medical professionals to assess the nature and extent of an emergency room patient's illness or injury to determine whether an emergency medical condition exists.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to allow the sale and purchase of health insurance policies across state lines. Sets forth requirements for and restrictions on such policies.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 26, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Apr 2, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Mar 26, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Mar 26, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.
- **Mar 22, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 20, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 20, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Rules, Appropriations, and House Administration, 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.