

## HR 5994

Choice in Healthcare Act

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 21, 2012

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 2, 2012)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-21]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 22, 2012
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 2, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Jun 21, 2012)

Choice in Healthcare Act - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a demonstration program under which Medicare and Medicaid eligible beneficiaries are given: (1) the option of purchasing qualifying health benefits coverage, and (2) access to a debit style card (Medi-Choice card) for purchasing such coverage under the program and for paying certain other out-of-pocket health care expenditures.

Directs the Secretary to contract with a major credit card provider or financial institution for issuing Medi-Choice cards under the program.

Limits the demonstration program to specified counties in California and to a period of ten years.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 2, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 22, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 21, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 21, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.