

HR 6299

To repeal the Federally subsidized loan program for non-profit health insurance, to provide for association health plans, and for other purposes.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 2, 2012
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 3, 2012
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 2, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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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 3000	Related bill	Nov 18, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
112 HR 1050	Related bill	Mar 21, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
112 HR 105	Related bill	Feb 25, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
112 HR 397	Related bill	Feb 9, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
112 HR 299	Related bill	Feb 1, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Aug 2, 2012)

Amends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Internal Revenue Code to repeal establishment of the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) program through which the Secretary provides loans and grants to foster the creation of qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers to offer qualified health plans in the individual and small group markets. Rescinds unobligated funds made available for the program. Requires repayment of loans provided under the program within two years of their making and sets the interest rate on such loans at the bank prime rate.

Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to provide for establishment and governance of association health plans (AHPs), which are group health plans whose sponsors are trade, industry, professional, chamber of commerce, or similar business associations, and which meet certain ERISA certification requirements. Allows qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers participating in the CO-OP to sponsor an AHP, if certain requirements are satisfied.

Prescribes rules governing AHPs, including requirements relating to certification, sponsors and boards of trustees, participation and coverage, nondiscrimination, contribution rates, notice of voluntary termination, correction actions, and mandatory termination.

Establishes the Association Health Plan Fund to be used by the Secretary of Labor to make payments to an insurer to maintain coverage for a plan if there is a reasonable expectation that, without such payments, claims would not be satisfied by reason of termination of coverage.

Requires the Secretary to establish a Solvency Standards Working Group.

Allows a state to impose a contribution tax on an association health plan that commenced operations in such state after the enactment of this Act.

Preempts any state law that may preclude a health insurance issuer from: (1) offering health insurance coverage in connection with a certified AHP; or (2) offering health insurance coverage of the same policy type to other employers operating in the state that are eligible for coverage under such AHPs, whether or not such other employers are participating employers in such plan.

Subjects to criminal penalties a person who willfully makes false representations with respect to an AHP.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 3, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 2, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 2, 2012:** 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.