

HR 1549

Helping Sick Americans Now Act

Congress: 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Rule H. Res. 175 passed House.

Latest Action: Rule H. Res. 175 passed House. (Apr 24, 2013)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Apr 17, 2013
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Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Apr 18, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 16, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HRES 175	Procedurally related	Apr 24, 2013: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Apr 19, 2013)

Helping Sick Americans Now Act - Amends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to transfer from the Prevention and Public Health Fund any unobligated funds which are attributable to FY2013 and any funds that would otherwise be made available to the Fund for FY2014-FY2016 to a Department of Health and Human Services account to carry out the temporary high risk health insurance pool program (a program to provide health insurance coverage to eligible individuals with a preexisting condition). Requires such funds to be available for obligation on the date of enactment of this Act and to remain available through December 31, 2013.

Eliminates the eligibility requirement for the temporary high risk pool which prohibits an individual from having creditable coverage (health coverage) for six months before applying for coverage through the pool.

Requires the Secretary to administer the temporary high risk pool in accordance with current regulations governing the operation of the pool, except as necessary to reflect amendments made by this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 24, 2013:** Rule H. Res. 175 passed House.
- **Apr 23, 2013:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 175 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1549 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Apr 19, 2013:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 113-45.
- **Apr 19, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 28.
- **Apr 17, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 17, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 27 - 20.
- **Apr 16, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 15, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 15, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.