

## HR 2300

Empowering Patients First Act of 2013

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Oct 1, 2013
Rep. Graves, Tom [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Oct 23, 2013
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Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Dec 4, 2013
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Dec 4, 2013
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Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Jan 7, 2014
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jan 9, 2014
Rep. Gingrey, Phil [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Jan 10, 2014
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Feb 4, 2014

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 6, 2013
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 6, 2013
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jun 6, 2013
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 8, 2013
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 7, 2013
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 15, 2013
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 20, 2013
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 6, 2013
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 6, 2013
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 6, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 4077	Related bill	<b>Mar 20, 2014:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
113 S 1851	Identical bill	<b>Dec 18, 2013:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
113 HR 762	Related bill	<b>Apr 23, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
113 HR 1310	Related bill	<b>Apr 10, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
113 S 236	Related bill	<b>Feb 7, 2013:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Empowering Patients First Act of 2013 - Repeals the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the health care provisions of the Health Care and Education and Reconciliation Act of 2010, effective as of their enactment. Restores or revives provisions amended or repealed by such Act or such health care provisions.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a refundable tax credit for the cost of qualified health insurance costs for low-income taxpayers and a tax deduction for such costs for other taxpayers.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment and governance of individual and small employer membership associations (IMAs) to make health benefits coverage available to IMA members and their dependents.

Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2013 - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to provide for establishment and governance of association health plans, 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.

Directs that the laws of the state designated by a health insurance issuer (primary state) shall apply to individual health insurance coverage offered by that issuer in the primary state and in any other state (secondary state), but only if the coverage and issuer comply with conditions of this Act.

Amends title XXI (Children's Health Insurance) (CHIP) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to: (1) require a state CHIP plan to specify how it will achieve coverage for 90% of targeted low-income children; and (2) prohibit CHIP payments for children with family income above 300% of the applicable poverty line.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to issue best practice guidelines for the treatment of medical conditions. Sets forth how such guidelines may be used in a health care lawsuit.

Permits a group health plan to vary premiums and cost-sharing by up to 50% of the benefits based on participation (or lack of participation) in a wellness program.

Requires a health insurance issuer to provide claims information, on request, to a plan, plan sponsor, or plan administrator.

Prohibits the Secretary from using comparative effectiveness research or patient-centered outcomes research to deny coverage of an item or service under a federal health care program.

Authorizes a state to establish a Health Plan and Provider Portal website to standardize information on health insurance plans available in the state.

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of SSA to permit Medicare beneficiaries to contract with a physician or practitioner for health care items or services. Prohibits states from imposing limits on the amount of charges for health care services furnished by an eligible professional.

Sets forth provisions regarding students loans and loan repayment for health care professionals.

Exempts health care professionals from federal and state antitrust laws in connection with negotiations with a health plan regarding contract terms under which the professionals provide health care items or services for which plan benefits are

provided.

Establishes discretionary spending limits for FY2022-FY2023 for new budget authority in the nondefense category and revises sequestration discretionary spending limits for FY2014-FY2021.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 15, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jul 8, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **Jun 20, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Jun 7, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 6, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 6, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, House Administration, Rules, Appropriations, the Budget, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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.