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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 22, 2014
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 30, 2014
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 30, 2014
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 17, 2014
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 1, 2014
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 30, 2014
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2014
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2014
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2014
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2014
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 15, 2014
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 30, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2014 - Amends the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to expand the collection and analysis of data in programs of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Sets forth provisions to improve cultural competence in federal health care programs and services, including by establishing the Robert T. Matsui Center for Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Health Care.

Requires the Secretary of HHS (Secretary) to engage in activities to improve health workforce diversity, including by: (1) establishing a working group and a technical clearinghouse; (2) awarding grants to academic institutions; (3) establishing a health and health care disparities education program; and (4) providing for scholarships, student loan repayment and loan forgiveness, and research fellowships.

Health Empowerment Zone Act of 2014 - Provides for the establishment of health empowerment zones in communities that experience disproportionate disparities in health status and health care.

Requires the Secretary to engage in activities to improve the quality of and access to health care, including by expanding access to health care and health care insurance for immigrants, designating centers of excellence at public hospitals and other health systems serving minority patients, increasing Medicaid payments to territories and to Native Hawaiian health centers, and providing for border health grants.

Sets forth programs to reduce health disparities affecting minorities and rural residents. Establishes an Office of Minority Health in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Sets forth provisions to improve health for women and children, including by expanding access to federal programs for immigrant women and children, creating public awareness campaigns, engaging in activities to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes, and establishing programs to reduce teenage pregnancies, including contraception education and information programs, programs to support healthy adolescent development, maintaining a database of systematic reviews of maternity care, designating maternity care health professional shortage areas, and establishing a research center on optimal maternity outcomes.

Directs the Secretary to develop a multisite gestational diabetes research project within the diabetes program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Requires pharmacies to provide in stock contraceptives to customers without delay.

Expands Medicare coverage of marriage and family therapist services, mental health counselor services, and substance abuse counselor services.

Lung Cancer Mortality Reduction Act of 2014 - Requires the Secretary to implement the Lung Cancer Mortality Reduction Program to achieve a reduction of at least 25% in the mortality rate of lung cancer by 2020.

Prostate Research, Outreach, Screening, Testing, Access, and Treatment Effectiveness Act of 2014 or the PROSTATE Act - Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to take action to address prostate cancer, including by establishing the Interagency Prostate Cancer Coordination and Education Task Force.

Viral Hepatitis and Liver Cancer Control and Prevention Act of 2014 - Requires the Secretary to implement programs to address hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

Bone Marrow Failure Disease Research and Treatment Act of 2014 - Requires the Director of CDC to establish the National Acquired Bone Marrow Failure Disease Registry.

Requires the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to develop guidelines to screen minority patient populations which have a higher than average risk for many chronic diseases and cancers.

Expands Medicaid to cover a beneficiary's routine medical costs when they are in an approved clinical trial.

Requires the Secretary to expand HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention activities, including: (1) identification of issues that impede disease status awareness and retention in appropriate care, (2) research into treatment adherence strategies, (3) grants to public health agencies and faith-based organizations, (4) the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative, and (5) health workforce training for culturally competent care.

Directs the Secretary to award grants for comprehensive sex education programs for adolescents. Eliminates a program that supports abstinence education.

Permits community organizations to distribute sexual barrier protection devices (e.g., condoms) and to engage in sexually transmitted infection counseling and prevention education in federal correctional facilities.

Stop AIDS in Prison Act - Requires the Bureau of Prisons to develop a comprehensive policy to provide HIV testing, treatment, and prevention for inmates.

Requires the Secretary to conduct research and other activities with respect to diabetes in minority populations and the prevention of lung disease.

Sleep and Circadian Rhythm Disorders Health Disparities Act - Requires the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to expand research addressing sleep health disparities. Requires the Director of CDC to expand activities regarding sleep disorders.

Sets forth provisions regarding the use of health information technology to reduce health disparities, particularly in racial and ethnic minority communities.

Prohibits discrimination in federal health care programs or research activities.

Requires the Secretary to establish the Office of Health Disparities in the Office for Civil Rights and to establish civil rights compliance offices in each HHS agency that administers health programs.

Directs the Secretary to establish a program at the National Center for Environmental Health on health impact assessment (the process of determining the potential effects of a policy, program, or project on health).

Directs the Comptroller General (GAO) to study the type and scope of health care services provided to racial and ethnic minorities affected by the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon drilling unit on April 20, 2010.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 17, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- **Sep 22, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Nutrition.
- **Aug 15, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 11, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Aug 11, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
- **Aug 11, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Aug 11, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.
- **Aug 1, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 30, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 2014:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7049)
- **Jul 30, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, the Budget, Veterans' Affairs, Armed Services, the Judiciary, and Natural Resources, 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.