

HR 4978

NAS Healthy Babies Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Jenkins, Evan H. [R-WV-3]

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Poliquin, Bruce [R-ME-2]	R · ME		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Apr 19, 2016
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Apr 20, 2016
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Apr 26, 2016
Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Apr 26, 2016
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Apr 26, 2016
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Apr 28, 2016
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 10, 2016
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		May 10, 2016
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		May 10, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 20, 2016
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 12, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 524	Related bill	Jul 22, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-198.
114 HR 5189	Related bill	Jun 7, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
114 HR 5145	Related bill	May 17, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 S 2872	Identical bill	Apr 28, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of May 11, 2016)

Nurturing and Supporting Healthy Babies Act or the NAS Healthy Babies Act

(Sec. 2) This bill requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to report on neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS), which results from a newborn's exposure to addictive opiate drugs while in the mother's womb.

Specifically, the GAO shall report on:

- the prevalence of NAS,
- NAS treatment services for which coverage is available under state Medicaid programs,
- the settings and associated reimbursement methodologies for NAS treatment,
- the prevalence of utilization of various care settings under state Medicaid programs for NAS treatment,
- any federal barriers to treating infants with NAS under state Medicaid programs, and
- best practices for treating infants with NAS.

The GAO shall also report on its recommendations for improvements that will ensure access to NAS treatment under state Medicaid programs.

(Sec. 3) The bill amends title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act to exclude abuse-deterrent formulations of prescription drugs from the requirement that manufacturers of single-source or innovator drugs pay additional rebates to state Medicaid programs.

(Sec. 4) Under current law, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must use predictive modeling and other analytic technologies to identify improper Medicaid claims. The bill prohibits a state agency from using or disclosing such technologies except for purposes of administering a state Medicaid program or Children's Health Insurance Program. A state agency shall have in effect adequate data security and control policies to ensure that access to such information is restricted to authorized persons for authorized uses.

(Sec. 5) The bill places \$5 million in the Medicaid Improvement Fund to be available beginning in FY2021.

Actions Timeline

- **May 12, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **May 11, 2016:** Mr. Guthrie moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 11, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2259-2263)
- **May 11, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4978.
- **May 11, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2259-2260)
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- **May 11, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 11, 2016:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **May 10, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 114-559.
- **May 10, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 433.
- **Apr 27, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 27, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 25, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 20, 2016:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 18, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 18, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Apr 18, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.