

## HR 6953

### Pandemic Responder Service Award Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 19, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. (May 19, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6953>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Shalala, Donna E. [D-FL-27]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		May 19, 2020
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		May 22, 2020
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jun 22, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 19, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 19, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Pandemic Responder Service Award Act**

This bill establishes a monetary award for health care workers who provide eligible services during the COVID-19 (i.e. coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic. The award may only be used by the worker or their dependents for specified purposes, such as repaying student loans or starting a business. Eligible services include, among others, emergency medical services, health care or patient care services, and mortuary services in environments that present an elevated risk of contracting COVID-19.

The maximum award amount is \$10,000 in 2021, with amounts in subsequent years increased by cost-of-living adjustments. Recipients receive a percentage of that amount based on the number of days they provided eligible services during the pandemic.

The Department of the Treasury must establish application processes and guidelines for the award and maintain savings accounts for eligible health care workers or their dependents to receive distributions of award amounts.

## **Actions Timeline**

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