

In Congress Now

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT

- H.R. 15, offered by Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.)
- Creates a national health insurance program for everyone not eligible for Medicare. Funded by a 5 percent value added tax. A National Health Insurance Board allocates the funds to the states.
- Introduced Jan. 4, 2007

HEALTHY AMERICANS ACT

- S. 334, offered by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.)
- Mandates that all individuals have health insurance coverage. Individuals can enroll in private regional health plans. Subsidies are provided to low-income individuals. Financed by individual and employer premiums and the U.S. Treasury.
- Introduced Jan. 18, 2007
- Companion measure: H.R. 3163, offered by Rep. Brian Baird (D-Wash.)
- Same as the Wyden measure but with tax treatment changes
- Introduced July 24, 2007

UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE ACT OF 2007

- S. 1899, offered by Sen. Benjamin Cardin (D-Md.)
- Requires everyone to enroll in a health plan. Develops three types of plans in each state and guarantees acceptance to all. Those who do not enroll pay a tax equivalent to the premium and are then enrolled automatically.
- Introduced July 30, 2007

UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE CHOICE AND ACCESS ACT

- S. 1019, offered by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.)
- Changes tax treatments to allow individuals with high deductible plans an increased deduction for health savings accounts and a tax credit for health insurance costs. Requires states to operate a state alternative to private health insurance.
- Introduced March 28, 2007

AMERICAN HEALTH SECURITY ACT OF 2007

- H.R. 1200, offered by Rep. Jim McDermott (D-Wash.)
- Every state establishes a Health Security Program for every citizen. Eliminates Medicare and Medicaid. Prohibits the sale of health insurance that duplicates the state program. A benefit standards review board oversees covered services.
- Introduced Feb. 27, 2007

UNITED STATES NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT

- H.R. 676, offered by Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.)
- Creates a single National Health Insurance Program to insure everyone in the country at no cost. Prohibits duplicative private health insurance. Financed through a variety of taxes.
- Introduced Jan. 24, 2007