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<p>Affordable Health Care for America Act</p> <p>A bill to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, and for other purposes.</p>	N/A	H.R. 3962 Rep. Dingell (D-MI)	House - 6 (6-D)	House - Passed 220 - 215, 11/7/2009.
<p>America's Partnership for Nursing Education Act of 2009</p> <p>Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty.</p>	N/A	H.R. 724 Rep. Pastor (D-AZ)	House - 0	House - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 1/27/09.

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<p>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009</p> <p>This bill provides \$500 million to HRSA via a transfer from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund "as an additional amount to address health professions workforce shortages through scholarships, loan repayment, grants to training programs for equipment and activities to foster cross-state licensure agreements, authorized under sections 330 through 338, 737, 738, and 846 of the PHS Act, of which \$200,000,000 shall be available until expended for extending service contracts and the recapture and reallocation of funds in the event that a participant fails to fulfill their term of service.</p>	N/A	H.R. 1 Rep. Obey (D-WI)	House - 9 (9-D)	House - Became Public Law, PL 111-5 2/17/2009.

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<p>Caregiver Assistance and Relief Effort Act of 2010 or the CARE Act of 2010</p> <p>Amends the Older Americans Act of 1965 to increase and extend, through FY2014, the authorization of appropriations for the national family caregiver support program, including caregiver support programs for Native Americans.</p> <p>Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) allow caregivers a tax credit for family members with long-term care needs; (2) allow a tax deduction for long-term care insurance premiums; and (3) apply certain consumer protection provisions to long-term care insurance contracts.</p>	<p>S. 2958 Sen. Menendez (D-NJ)</p>	<p>H.R. 1192 Rep. Johnson (D-TX)</p>	<p>Senate - 0 House - 1 (1-D)</p>	<p>Senate - Referred to the Committee on Finance, 1/27/2010.</p> <p>House - Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, 2/25/2009.</p>

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<p>Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009</p> <p>Amends Title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>S. 1963 Sen. Akaka (D-HI)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Senate - 7 (5-D, 2-R)</p>	<p>Became Public Law 111-163.</p>

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<p>Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Act</p> <p>Calls for increased funding for NIH research programs on paralysis, as well as efforts to improve coordination of studies and dissemination of results. Additionally, it would seek to improve quality of life for those who are living with paralysis through efforts to enhance rehabilitation services.</p> <p>The NIH Director would be authorized to make grants to clinicians who “will collaborate to design clinical rehabilitation intervention protocols and measures of outcomes on one or more forms of paralysis that result from central nervous system trauma, disorders, stroke, or any combination of such conditions</p>	N/A	H.R. 307 Rep. Baldwin (D-WI)	House - 9 (7-D, 2-R)	House - Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce and placed on the Union Calendar, 3/23/09.

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<p>Direct Support Professionals Fairness and Security Act of 2009</p> <p>Amends the Medicaid program to provide funds to states to enable them to increase the wages paid to direct support professionals (long-term caregivers for disabled individuals) in providing services (including rehabilitation) to individuals with disabilities under the Medicaid Program. The bill also seeks to alleviate the current shortage of these caregivers in the US.</p>	N/A	H.R. 868 Rep. Capps (D-CA)	House - 63 (49-D, 14-R)	House - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2/4/2009.
<p>Health Information Technology Act of 2009</p> <p>Improves quality in health care by providing incentives for adoption of modern information technology.</p>	S. 179 Sen. Stabenow (D-MI)	N/A	Senate - 1 (1-R)	Senate - Referred to the Committee on Finance, 1/8/09.

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<p>Heroes at Home Act of 2009</p> <p>Improves the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury in members and former members of the Armed Forces, to review and expand telehealth and telemental health programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.</p>	N/A	H.R. 667 Rep. Salazar (D-CO)	House - 46 (41-D; 5-R)	House - Referred to the Committee on Armed Services' Subcommittee on Military Personnel, 2/6/2009.
<p>Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2010</p> <p>Allows nurse practitioners to order home health services for their Medicare patients.</p>	S. 2814 Sen. Collins (R-ME)	H.R. 4993 Rep. Schwartz (D-PA)	Senate - 1 (1-D) House - 47 (43-D, 4-R)	Senate - Referred to the Committee on Finance, 11/20/2009. House - Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 4/13/2010.

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<p>Independent Living Centers Technical Adjustment Act</p> <p>Provides criteria for the distribution of funds authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to existing centers for independent living for people with disabilities that do not take into account funds received by such center under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.</p>		<p>H.R. 5610 Rep. Miller (D-CA)</p>	<p>House - 4 (4-D)</p>	<p>House - Passed/agreed to in House, 6/30/2010.</p>

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<p>Medicaid Services Restoration Act of 2010</p> <p>Extends Medicaid coverage to apply to therapeutic foster care services including attainment and retention of functional status and remedial services. Allows payment for some diagnostic, screening, preventive and rehabilitation services from qualified, non medical providers. Allows for reasonable and efficient payment. Redefines case management services to mean those that assist eligible individuals in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational, and other services and authorizes the state to: require case management services for each beneficiary; ensure that individuals receive needed services. Allows staff of non-medical programs, to offer case management services.</p>	<p>S. 1217 Sen. Stabenow (D-MI)</p>	<p>H.R. 4787 Rep. Baldwin (D-WI)</p>	<p>Senate - 5 (5-D) House - 7 (6-D); 1-R)</p>	<p>Senate - Referred to the Committee on Finance, 6/9/2009.</p> <p>House - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 3/9/2010.</p>

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<p>Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Services Act of 2009</p> <p>Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, to repeal the outpatient therapy cap.</p>	<p>S. 46 Sen. Ensign (R-NV)</p>	<p>H.R. 43 Rep. Becerra (D-CA)</p>	<p>Senate - 29 (19-D; 8-R; 2-I)</p> <p>House - 181 (123-D; 58-R)</p>	<p>House - Referred to the Committees on Energy & Commerce and Ways & Means, 1/6/09.</p> <p>Senate - Referred to the Committee on Finance, 1/6/09.</p>

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<p>Medicare Orthotics and Prosthetics Improvement Act of 2009</p> <p>To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the designation of accreditation organizations for prosthetic devices and orthotics and prosthetics, to apply accreditation and licensure requirements to such devices and items for purposes of payment under the Medicare Program, and to modify the payment rules for such devices and items under such program to account for practitioner qualifications and complexity of care.</p>	N/A	H.R. 2479 Rep. Berkley (D-NV)	House - 2 (1-D, 1-R)	House - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 5/19/2009.
<p>Medicare Rural Health Access Improvement Act of 2009</p> <p>Amends title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to health care under the Medicare program for beneficiaries residing in rural areas.</p>	S. 318 Sen. Grassley (R- IA)	N/A	Senate - 1 (1-R)	Senate - Referred to the Committee on Finance, 1/26/09.

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<p>National Nursing Shortage Reform and Patient Advocacy Act of 2009</p> <p>Amends title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by establishing minimum nurse staffing ratios at certain Medicare providers.</p>	S. 1030 Sen. Boxer (D-CA)	N/A	Senate - 0	Senate - Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 5/13/2009.
<p>Nurse Education, Expansion, and Development Act of 2009</p> <p>Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize capitation grants to increase the number of nursing faculty and students.</p>	S. 497 Sen. Durbin (D-IL)	H.R. 2043 Rep. Lowey (D-NY)	Senate - 5 (5-D) House - 2 (2-D)	Senate - Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 2/26/09. House - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 4/22/09.
<p>Nurses' Higher Education and Loan Repayment Act of 2009</p> <p>Amends the Public Health Service Act to establish a graduate degree loan repayment program for nurses who become nursing school faculty members.</p>	S. 1022 Sen. Bayh (D-IN)	H.R. 1460 Rep. Latham (R-IA)	Senate - 13 (11-D, 1-R, 1-I) House - 31 (24-D; 7-R)	Senate - Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 5/12/09. House - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 3/12/2009.

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<p>Nursing Home Emergency Assistance Act</p> <p>Ensures that a private for-profit nursing home affected by a major disaster receives the same reimbursement as a public nursing home affected by a major disaster.</p>	N/A	H.R. 1494 Rep. Paul (R-TX)	House - 0	House - Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, 3/13/2009.
<p>Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Senate Manager's Amendment)</p> <p>Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the armed forces and certain other federal employees, and for other purposes.</p>	N/A	H.R. 3590 Rep Rangel (D-NY)	House - 40 (37-D, 3-R)	Became Public Law 111-148.

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<p>Preserving Patient Access to Primary Care Act of 2009</p> <p>Amends the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to increase the number of primary care physicians and primary care providers and to improve patient access to primary care services.</p>	<p>S. 1174 Sen. Cantwell (D-WA)</p>	<p>H.R. 2350 Rep. Schwartz (D-PA)</p>	<p>Senate - 3 (2-D, 1-R)</p> <p>House - 133 (129-D, 4-R)</p>	<p>Senate - Referred to the Finance Committee, 6/3/09.</p> <p>House - Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness, 6/11/2009.</p>
<p>Prosthetic and Custom Orthotic Parity Act of 2009</p> <p>To provide parity under group health plans and group health insurance coverage in the provision of benefits for prosthetic devices and orthotics devices, components and benefits for other medical and surgical services.</p>	<p>S. 3223 Sen. Snowe (R-ME)</p>	<p>H.R. 2575 Rep. Andrews (D-NJ)</p>	<p>Senate - 3 (2-D, 1-R)</p> <p>House - 14 (7-D, 7-R)</p>	<p>Senate - Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, 4/19/2010.</p> <p>House - Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, 10/22/2009.</p>

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<p>Reaching Elders with Assessment and Chronic Care Management and Coordination Act</p> <p>Amends title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries with access to geriatric assessments and chronic care management and coordination services.</p>	<p>S. 1004 Sen. Lincoln (D-AR)</p>	<p>H.R. 2307 Rep. Green (D-TX)</p>	<p>Senate - 2 (1-D, 1-R)</p> <p>House - 1 (1-R)</p>	<p>Senate - Referred to the Committee on Finance, 5/7/2009.</p> <p>House - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 5/7/09.</p>
<p>Recognizing the need for safe patient handling and movement.</p> <p>Expresses the sense of Congress that safe patient movement for direct-care licensed nurses and other health care providers is a critical component in protecting licensed nurses and other health care workers and increasing patient safety and that safe patient handling programs will benefit health care providers and patients alike.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>H. Res. 510 Rep. McCarthy (D-NY)</p>	<p>House - 20 (14-D; 6-R)</p>	<p>House - Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce; referred to House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.</p>

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<p>Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act of 2009</p> <p>Amends title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by establishing minimum nurse staffing ratios at certain Medicare providers.</p>	<p>S. 54 Sen. Inouye (D-HI)</p>	<p>H.R. 2273 Rep. Schakowsky (D-IL)</p>	<p>Senate - 0 House - 15 (14-D; 1-R)</p>	<p>Senate - Referred to the Committee on Finance, 1/6/09.</p> <p>House - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 5/6/2009.</p>

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<p>Securing Effective and Necessary Individual Outpatient Rehabilitation Services (SENIORS) Act of 2010</p> <p>Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to extend through calendar 2010 the temporary process for obtaining an exception from the uniform dollar limitation on Medicare payment for medically necessary physical therapy, speech-language pathology, and occupational therapy services (Medicare therapy cap exceptions process). Reduces the amount of appropriations available to the Medicare Improvement Fund for expenditures for services furnished during FY2014.</p>	<p>S. 2987 / S. 2988 Sen. Ensign (R-NV)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Senate - Referred to the Committee on Finance, 2/4/2010.</p>

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<p>Veterans Health Care Authorization Act of 2009</p> <p>Amends title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care veterans.</p>	<p>S. 252 Sen. Akaka (D-HI)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Senate - 11 (7-D; 4-R)</p>	<p>Senate -Provisions of S 252 are included in S 1963, the Caregiver and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009. Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar, 7/24/2009.</p>
<p>Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2010</p> <p>Establishes certain Congressional findings related to TBI and calls for a report from the Sec. of Veterans Affairs on the feasibility and advisability of establishing a Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center or Polytrauma Network Site for the VA in the northern Rockies or the Dakotas.</p>	<p>S. 3035 Sen. Baucus (D-MT)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Senate - 6 (4-D; 2-R)</p>	<p>Senate - Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 2/24/2010. Hearings held 5/29/2010.</p>

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A bill To provide supplemental payments to nursing facilities serving Medicare and Medicaid patients and to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to assure adequate Medicaid payment levels for services	N/A	H.R. 5457	House - 1 (1-D)	House - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 5/28/2010.

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