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HEALTHCARE**

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CONGRESSWOMAN LAURA RICHARDSON

HEALTHCARE RECORD AND OVERVIEW

Access to quality, affordable health care is critical to the well being of America, today and in the future. Central to this is addressing the needs of the 46 million uninsured Americans, strengthening the Medicare system, providing health insurance to our low-income children, funding cutting-edge research into cures for diseases, and giving patients the clout to challenge the decisions of health insurers. Only through action on these critical issues can we meet the pressing health care concerns of our nation.

2009

By a vote of 289 to 139, the House passed **H.R. 2, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIRPA)**. This legislation will protect coverage for those children and expand it to include an additional 4 million children who would otherwise be uninsured. **CLR supported this legislation**

The House of Representatives approved **H.R. 2, Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009**, by a strong vote of 290 to 135. This legislation reauthorizes and improves SCHIP. The Senate-passed version is very similar to the bill that the House passed on January 14 by a vote of 289-139. SCHIP was created in 1997 to provide health care coverage for children in modest-income families that earn too much for Medicaid, but not enough to afford private insurance. Over the last ten years, it has proven to be a successful and cost-effective program for providing health care. **CLR supported this legislation**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, H.R. 1 was passed by the House on Jan. 28th, 2009. The Congressional Budget Office and Joint Committee on Taxation estimate that the package would help 8.2 million people keep health care coverage for themselves and their families. Under current law, eligible workers may continue to receive health coverage through a previous employer's health plan for up to 18 months, but are responsible for 102 percent of the cost of that coverage. Three provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (H.R. 1) would provide help to these workers by:

- Providing a 65 percent subsidy for COBRA premiums for up to 12 months for workers who have been involuntary terminated between September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009;
- Making funding available to states that elect to provide Medicaid coverage to unemployed and uninsured individuals and their families; and
- Extending the qualification for COBRA benefits for older and long term workers until they obtain new employer-sponsored coverage or become eligible for Medicare. **CLR supported this legislation**

The House of Representatives passed **H.R. 1256, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act** by a vote of 298 to 112. This legislation grants the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authority to regulate the advertising, marketing, and manufacturing of tobacco products in order to protect the public health. The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act will provide FDA the authority to regulate tobacco products under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. FDA will have authority to require changes in current and future tobacco products to protect public health, such as the reduction or elimination of harmful ingredients, additives and constituents, including menthol. The new tobacco program will be funded entirely through user fees on tobacco product manufacturers. **CLR supported this legislation**

- FDA will have the authority to prevent the dangerous and all-too prevalent marketing and sales of tobacco to kids. This legislation will also empower FDA to prevent tobacco companies from making false and misleading claims about their products and to require that all product claims be based on scientific evidence.

The House of Representatives passed by a vote of 408 to 9 **the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009**. The bill will extend for four years the Ryan White Program, which provides funding to cities, states and public and nonprofit entities to assist in core medical and support services for people living with HIV/AIDS. The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 would reauthorize the program through September 30, 2013. It also includes provisions to:

- Increase authorizations for all Parts of the program by 5% for each year of the authorization;
- Extend protections for states with maturing HIV data;
- Provide hold-harmless protections to states and cities; and
- Strengthen and continue the Minority AIDS Initiative, and direct the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan for capacity-building through the Initiative across all departmental agencies. **CLR supported this legislation**

2010

On March 21, 2010, the House of Representatives took an up or down vote on **the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act** to improve the lives of tens of millions of American families and small businesses owners. This final health care legislation will ensure that all Americans have access to quality, affordable health care and significantly reduce long-term health care costs. **CLR supported this legislation**

- The legislation will protect Americans from the worst insurance industry practices, offer the uninsured and small businesses the opportunity to obtain affordable health care plans, cover 32 million uninsured Americans, all while reducing the deficit by \$143 billion over the next decade and more than a

trillion dollars over 20 years. The House approved the measure by a vote of 220 to 211.

- The health insurance reform package combines the best ideas from all sides of the debate, capping a year-long transparent legislative effort. It delivers on President Obama's key goals for health reform of slowing the growth of health costs, creating competition in the health insurance marketplace, and keeping insurers honest. It will protect people's choices of doctors and health plans, and guarantee that every American can access quality, stable, and affordable health insurance coverage. It will rein-in the worst insurance company abuses, such as discrimination based on pre-existing conditions, policy rescissions when patients are in the middle of treatment, or insurance rate hikes without justification.

The House passed **H.R. 5712, the Veterans', Seniors', and Children's Health Technical Corrections Act**, by voice vote. The legislation contains a set of technical changes to strengthen the health care programs that cover our nation's veterans, senior citizens, and children. The bill is completely paid for, and includes provisions to:

- Clarify the special enrollment period for veterans who rely on Medicare Part B and TRICARE;
 - Ensure that residency positions shared between teaching hospitals under an "affiliation agreement" won't be redistributed to other hospitals;
 - Ensure that eligible children's hospitals will continued to have access to discounts for orphan drugs through the 340B program;
 - Allow states to continue covering children in families with incomes under 133% of poverty through their CHIP programs rather than enrolling them in Medicaid.
- CLR supported this legislation**

The House of Representatives passed **H.R. 847, The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act** by a vote of 268-160. The legislation would establish first responder and community treatment and monitoring programs to help people affected by exposure to toxic air and other debris after the attack on 9/11. **CLR supported this legislation**

2011

H.R.2 , Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act Sponsor: Rep Cantor, Eric [R-VA-7] **CLR did not support this legislation**

- Repealing the Affordable Care Act would have a devastating impact on our economy. In addition to hurting some of the economic progress that has been made over the past ten months the Congressional Budget Office found that repealing the law would add over a quarter of a trillion dollars--\$230 billion—to the deficit in the first decade, and more than a trillion dollars in the second decade; increase the number of uninsured by 32 million Americans; increase

premiums for large employers; and will force consumers who buy coverage on the individual market to pay more out of pocket for fewer benefits.

H.R.3, No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, Sponsor: Rep Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4] ***CLR did not support this legislation***

- This extreme anti-choice legislation would have effectively raised taxes on women and families that purchase insurance coverage that includes abortion. Final vote: 251-175. The Senate has not taken up this measure. President Obama has issued a veto threat on this bill.

H.R. 358, the Protect Life Act Sponsor: Rep Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16] ***CLR did not support this legislation***

- The legislation intrudes on women's reproductive freedom and access to health care and unnecessarily restricts the private insurance choices that women and their families have today.
- Longstanding Federal policy prohibits Federal funds from being used for abortions, except in cases of rape or incest, or when the life of the woman would be endangered. The Affordable Care Act preserved this prohibition and included policies to ensure that Federal funding is segregated from any private dollars used to fund abortions for which Federal funding is prohibited. The President's Executive Order 13535 reinforces that Federal funding cannot be used for abortions (except in cases of rape or incest, or when the life of the woman would be endangered) and ensures proper enforcement of this policy. H.R. 358 goes well beyond the safeguards found in current law and reinforced in the President's Executive Order by restricting women's private insurance choices.

H.R. 570, Dental Emergency Responder Act of 2011 Sponsor: Rep Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26] ***CLR supported this legislation***

- Specifically, the bill would clarify that dentists may be considered voluntary disaster response public health workers and that states, at their option, could incorporate dentists and dental facilities into their planning. The legislation would also provide for the inclusion of dental personnel and facilities in the National Health Security Strategy. Lastly, the legislation would attempt to encourage stronger collaborations between the dental community and Department of Health and Human Services in developing the nation's medical surgery capacity.

H.R.1213, To repeal mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges. Sponsor: Rep Upton, Fred [R-MI-6] **CLR did not support this legislation**

- The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) budget estimate of H.R. 1213, a bill to repeal the funding for states to establish exchanges from the Affordable Care Act (ACA), shows it cuts \$14 billion over 10 years at the expense of low and moderate income Americans being able to access insurance. H.R. 1213 repeals funding in the ACA that will allow states to establish truly transparent and competitive insurance markets – exchanges.
- **Undermining State Based Reform.** According to CBO, without the federal assistance, fewer states would be able to set up and operate state run exchanges. Currently 49 states, the District of Columbia and 4 territories have gotten beyond ideology to govern; they applied for exchange grants and are working diligently to find out what type of marketplace is best for their families and businesses.
- **Two Million Fewer People Enrolled in Health Insurance Through Exchanges.** Due to a lack of reliable funding, exchange establishment, enrollment and other operations will be delayed. According to CBO, this will result in “lower enrollment by an estimated 5 percent to 10 percent below the levels expected under current law between 2014 and 2016. In 2015, we estimate that there would be almost 2 million fewer people enrolled in state exchanges.”
- **Increases Costs to Employers.** According to CBO, “the number of people offered insurance through an employer is expected to increase in response to the reduced availability and desirability of exchanges.”
- **500,000 More People will be Uninsured.** According to CBO, “the number of people without health insurance is expected to increase by about half a million in 2015.”
- **Increases Premiums.** Given the tight fiscal budgets in most states, CBO finds that the loss of this support will cause some that still want to establish and operate their own state exchange marketplace to offset their losses with insurance surcharges. These will have the effect of raising health insurance premiums.
- **85% of the Cuts on People.** 85 percent of the total \$14 billion in cuts come at the expense of low and moderate income Americans not being able to access health insurance through exchanges. According to CBO, “most of the budgetary effect of eliminating grants for states under H.R. 1213 would come from reductions in subsidies for health insurance purchased through exchanges.”
- **Grant money for states is limited.** The actual money provided to states is estimated to be \$1.9 billion between 2012 and 2015. The ACA prohibits any of these funds from being used by states beyond January 1, 2015, and the exchanges must be self sustaining. This refutes the false criticism that exchange grants are an open ended spigot that the Secretary will use to plug state deficit holes.

H.R.1214, To repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction. Sponsor: Rep Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26] **CLR did not support this legislation**

- The House approved the bill, H.R. 1214, in a 235-191 vote. Four Republicans opposed it, and only three Democrats supported it.
- The House voted to end a program established in last year's healthcare law that spends \$50 million per year on construction of school-based health facilities.
- Republicans said the \$50 million per year program was duplicative at a time when they are looking to shrink federal spending. Democrats said cutting the funds would put needy schoolchildren at risk of not receiving care.

H.R.1217, To repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund. Sponsor: Rep Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16] **CLR did not support this legislation**

- The Affordable Care Act also created the Prevention and Public Health Fund to assist State and community efforts to prevent illness and promote health, so that all Americans can lead longer, more productive lives. The Fund invests \$15 billion over 10 years to help prevent disease, detect it early, and manage conditions before they become severe. By concentrating on the causes of chronic disease, the Affordable Care Act helps move the Nation from a focus on sickness and disease to one based on wellness and prevention.
- H.R. 1217 simply proposes to eliminate the Prevention and Public Health Fund and rescind funds. The bill neither advances the key objectives of the Affordable Care Act of better and more affordable care nor offers alternative solutions for meeting these important objectives. It instead repeals the Prevention and Public Health Fund and could worsen the Nation's health and increase system costs by defunding prevention activities such as programs that promote physical activity, reduce the burden of chronic disease, and prevent smoking and other tobacco use.

H.R.1852, Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2011
Sponsor: Rep Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16] **Bill was adopted by voice vote in the House**

- H.R. 1852 would amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals for five years, until 2016 at its current authorization level. In addition, the bill would move the deadline for the report on the program ahead by one year (to 2015).

H.R.2005 Combating Autism Reauthorization Act of 2011 Sponsor: Rep Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4] **Bill was adopted by voice vote in the House**

- The Combating Autism Reauthorization Act (CARA) of 2011, HR.2005, was signed into law on September 30, 2011 by President Obama, securing the federal

response to the national and public health emergency posed by autism spectrum disorders. The law authorizes \$693 million in continued federal investment over three years for autism research, treatment and services.

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HEALTH CARE VOTES

110TH-112TH CONGRESS

2007-PRESENT

UPDATED: AUGUST 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bill Title</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
05/04/2011	Repealing Funding for School-Based Health Center Construction HR 1214	N	Bill Passed - House (235 - 191)
05/03/2011	Repealing Funding for State Health Benefit Exchanges HR 1213	N	Bill Passed - House (238 - 183)
04/13/2011	Repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund HR 1217	N	Bill Passed - House (236 - 183)
03/03/2011	Repealing the Form 1099 Provision in the Health Care Law HR 4	Y	Bill Passed - House (314 - 112)
01/19/2011	Repealing the Health Care Bill HR 2	N	Bill Passed - House (245 - 189)
12/22/2010	9/11 Health and Compensation Act HR 847	Y	Concurrence Vote Passed - House (206 - 60)
09/22/2010	Infant Mortality Pilot Programs HR 3470	Y	Bill Passed - House (324 - 64)
08/10/2010	Aid To States for Medicaid, Teacher Employment, and Other Purposes HR 1586	Y	Concurrence Vote Passed - House (247 - 161)
<u>05/28/2010</u>	Medicare Reimbursement Rate Modification <u>HR 4213</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Concurrence Vote</u> <u>Passed - House</u> <u>(245 - 171)</u>

<u>04/15/2010</u>	<u>Unemployment Benefits Extension</u> <u>HR 4851</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Concurrence Vote</u> <u>Passed - House</u> <u>(289 - 112)</u>
<u>03/25/2010</u>	<u>Health Care Reconciliation Act</u> <u>HR 4872</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Concurrence Vote</u> <u>Passed - House</u> <u>(220 - 207)</u>
<u>03/21/2010</u>	<u>Health Care and Insurance Law Amendments</u> <u>HR 3590</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Concurrence Vote</u> <u>Passed - House</u> <u>(219 - 212)</u>
<u>03/21/2010</u>	<u>Health Care Reconciliation Act</u> <u>HR 4872</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(220 - 211)</u>
<u>11/19/2009</u>	<u>Revising Medicare Physician Fee Schedules and</u> <u>Reinstatement of PAYGO</u> <u>HR 3961</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(243 - 183)</u>
<u>11/07/2009</u>	<u>Health Care and Insurance Law Amendments</u> <u>HR 3962</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(220 - 215)</u>
<u>11/07/2009</u>	<u>Prohibiting Federally Funded Abortion Services</u> <u>H Amdt 509</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Amendment</u> <u>Adopted - House</u> <u>(240 - 194)</u>
<u>11/07/2009</u>	<u>Substitute Health Care and Insurance Law Amendments</u> <u>H Amdt 510</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Amendment</u> <u>Rejected - House</u> <u>(176 - 258)</u>
<u>07/30/2009</u>	<u>Food Safety Regulation Amendments</u> <u>HR 2749</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(283 - 142)</u>
<u>06/16/2009</u>	<u>2008-2009 Supplemental Appropriations</u> <u>HR 2346</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Conference Report</u> <u>Adopted - House</u> <u>(226 - 202)</u>
<u>04/02/2009</u>	<u>FDA Oversight of Tobacco Products</u> <u>HR 1256</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(298 - 112)</u>
<u>02/13/2009</u>	<u>Appropriations, Tax Law Amendments, and</u> <u>Unemployment Benefit Amendments ("Stimulus Bill")</u> <u>HR 1</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Conference Report</u> <u>Adopted - House</u> <u>(246 - 183)</u>
<u>01/28/2009</u>	<u>Appropriations, Tax Law Amendments, and</u> <u>Unemployment Benefit Amendments ("Stimulus Bill")</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(244 - 188)</u>

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<u>01/14/2009</u>	<u>Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization and Expansion</u> <u>HR 2</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(289 - 139)</u>
<u>07/30/2008</u>	<u>FDA Regulation of Tobacco</u> <u>HR 1108</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(326 - 102)</u>
<u>07/24/2008</u>	<u>Funding to Combat AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis</u> <u>HR 5501</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Concurrence Vote</u> <u>Passed - House</u> <u>(303 - 115)</u>
<u>07/15/2008</u>	<u>Medicare Bill</u> <u>HR 6331</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Veto Override</u> <u>Passed - House</u> <u>(383 - 41)</u>
<u>06/24/2008</u>	<u>Medicare Bill</u> <u>HR 6331</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(355 - 59)</u>
<u>06/18/2008</u>	<u>Second Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007 (Farm Bill)</u> <u>HR 6124</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Veto Override</u> <u>Passed - House</u> <u>(317 - 109)</u>
<u>05/21/2008</u>	<u>Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007 (Farm Bill)</u> <u>HR 2419</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Veto Override</u> <u>Passed - House</u> <u>(316 - 108)</u>
<u>05/14/2008</u>	<u>Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007 (Farm Bill)</u> <u>HR 2419</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Conference Report</u> <u>Adopted - House</u> <u>(318 - 106)</u>
<u>04/30/2008</u>	<u>Requiring OSHA to Establish Combustible Dust Safety Standards</u> <u>HR 5522</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(247 - 165)</u>
<u>04/23/2008</u>	<u>Medicaid Extensions and Changes</u> <u>HR 5613</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(349 - 62)</u>
<u>04/15/2008</u>	<u>Amending Tax Code Provisions and IRS Practices</u> <u>HR 5719</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(238 - 179)</u>
<u>04/02/2008</u>	<u>Funding to Combat AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis</u> <u>HR 5501</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(308 - 116)</u>
<u>03/13/2008</u>	<u>Substitute Amendment for the House Budget Resolution</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Amendment</u> <u>Rejected - House</u>

	<u>H Amdt 972</u>		<u>(157 - 263)</u>
<u>03/13/2008</u>	<u>Concurrent Budget Resolution</u> <u>H Con Res 312</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Resolution Passed - House</u> <u>(212 - 207)</u>
<u>03/05/2008</u>	<u>Mental Health Coverage Bill</u> <u>HR 1424</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(268 - 148)</u>
<u>01/23/2008</u>	<u>Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 (CHIP)</u> <u>HR 3963</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Veto Override Failed - House</u> <u>(260 - 152)</u>
<u>01/16/2008</u>	<u>S-MINER Act</u> <u>HR 2768</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(214 - 199)</u>
<u>12/12/2007</u>	<u>National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008</u> <u>HR 1585</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Conference Report Adopted - House</u> <u>(370 - 49)</u>
<u>11/15/2007</u>	<u>Appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies</u> <u>HR 3043</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Veto Override Failed - House</u> <u>(277 - 141)</u>
<u>11/08/2007</u>	<u>Appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies</u> <u>HR 3043</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Concurrence Vote Passed - House</u> <u>(274 - 141)</u>
<u>10/31/2007</u>	<u>Trade and Globalization Act of 2007</u> <u>HR 3920</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(264 - 157)</u>
<u>10/25/2007</u>	<u>Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 (CHIP)</u> <u>HR 3963</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Bill Passed - House</u> <u>(265 - 142)</u>
<u>10/18/2007</u>	<u>State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization</u> <u>HR 976</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Veto Override Failed - House</u> <u>(273 - 156)</u>
<u>09/25/2007</u>	<u>State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization</u> <u>HR 976</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Concurrence Vote Passed - House</u> <u>(265 - 159)</u>

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HEALTHCARE INTEREST GROUP RATINGS

- **2010** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists - House of Representatives **50** percent in 2010.
- **2010** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the American Public Health Association **100** percent in 2010.
- **2010** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology - U.S. House **0** percent in 2010.
- **2009-2010** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the American Hospital Association **25** percent in 2009-2010.
- **2009-2010** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the National Breast Cancer Coalition **75** percent in 2009-2010.
- **2009-2010** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the Saint Joseph Health System **100** percent in 2009-2010.
- **2009** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists **66** percent in 2009.
- **2009** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the American Nurses Association **100** percent in 2009.
- **2009** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the American Public Health Association **100** percent in 2009.
- **2009** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology **100** percent in 2009.
- **2009** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities **88** percent in 2009.
- **2009** Representative Richardson supported the interests of The Children's Health Fund **66** percent in 2009.
- **2008** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the Academy of General Dentistry **100** percent in 2008.
- **2007-2008** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the National Breast Cancer Coalition **0** percent in 2007-2008.
- **2007-2008** In 2007-2008 Saint Joseph Health System gave Representative Richardson a grade of **100**.
- **2007-2008** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the The Children's Health Fund **100** percent in 2007-2008.
- **2007** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the Academy of General Dentistry **100** percent in 2007.
- **2007** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the American Academy of Family Physicians **100** percent in 2007.
- **2007** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology **100** percent in 2007.
- **2007** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities **66** percent in 2007.

- **2007** In 2007 Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance gave Representative Richardson a rating of **100**.
- **2007** Representative Richardson supported the interests of the League of Women Voters **100** percent in 2007.
- **2007** On the votes that the The Children's Health Fund considered to be the most important in 2007, Representative Richardson voted their preferred position **100** percent of the time.

HEALTHCARE CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP, 112TH CONGRESS

- Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues
- Biomedical Research Caucus
- Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus
- 21st Century Health Care Caucus
- Congressional Study Group on Public Health
- Congressional Caucus on Infant Health and Safety
- Congressional Task Force on Childhood Obesity
- Congressional Hunger Caucus
- Congressional Wellness Caucus
- Congressional Children's Health Care Caucus

TOP NATIONAL HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS

American Health Care Association (ahca.org)

California Hospital Association (calhospital.org)

American Hospital Association (aha.org)

American Public Health Association (apha.org)

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (acog.org)

American Medical Association (ama-assn.org)

**National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
(naph.org)**

Catholic Health Association of the US (chausa.org)

Association of American Medical Colleges (aamc.org)

American Association of Colleges of Nursing (aacn.nche.edu)

The American Health Lawyers Association (healthlawyers.org)

National Association for Home Care and Hospice (nahc.org)

MISSION AND GOALS OF TOP HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS

American Health Care Association (ahca.org)

As the nation's largest association of long term and post-acute care providers, AHCA advocates for quality care and services for frail, elderly, and disabled Americans. Our members provide essential care to approximately one million individuals in 11,000 not-for-profit and proprietary member facilities.

AHCA represents the long term care community to the nation at large – to government, business leaders, and the general public. We serve as a force for change, providing information, education, and administrative tools that enhance quality at every level.

As part of our extensive portfolio of member services, AHCA maintains legislative, regulatory and public affairs. Our dedicated staff work both internally and externally to assist member providers, the government, and the general public.

The vision of AHCA shall be:

- The American Health Care Association is committed to a quality-driven, innovative, and efficient healthcare system that meets the needs and preferences of every American in our care.

The mission of AHCA shall be:

- To help our members deliver high quality care and services to America's frail, elderly and disabled, AHCA advocates for long term care professionals by pursuing a customer focused healthcare system that values both excellence and efficiency.

AHCA, its affiliates, and member providers advocate for individuals who – because of social needs, disability, trauma or illness – require services provided in a long term care setting. We continue to advocate for the continuing vitality of the long term care provider community.

AHCA is committed to developing necessary and reasonable public policies which balance economic and regulatory principles to support quality care and quality of life.

California Hospital Association (calhospital.org)

At California Hospital Association (CHA), we collaborate with our members to provide strong and effective representation and advocacy to advance the interests of California hospitals, patients and communities. CHA is a trusted resource, working with members

to achieve legislative, regulatory, and legal accomplishments at the state and federal level.

CHA vision

"An optimally healthy society."

CHA goal

For every Californian to have equitable access to affordable, safe, high-quality, medically necessary health care. Only through high ideals and practical, progressive steps can the health status of Californians be improved. This challenge must be shared by all stakeholders, including individuals, employers, health care providers, payers and government.

CHA mission

Through effective leadership and member participation, CHA seeks to develop consensus, establish public policy priorities, and represent and serve hospitals and health systems. In concert with its member organizations, CHA is committed to establishing and maintaining a financial and regulatory environment within which hospitals can continue to provide high-quality patient care.

Federal Advocacy

CHA collaborates on policies and strategies for health care issues with the American Hospital Association and other national health care organizations. The association maintains a full-time presence in Washington, D.C., to effectively advocate on legislative and regulatory policy. CHA provides input on developing federal legislation and regulatory proposals, and helps shape national positions on important health care issues. Federal advocacy activities include the annual California Congressional Action Program held in Washington, D.C.

American Public Health Association (apha.org)

The American Public Health Association is the oldest and most diverse organization of public health professionals in the world and has been working to improve public health since 1872. The Association aims to protect all Americans, their families and their communities from preventable, serious health threats and strives to assure community-based health promotion and disease prevention activities and preventive health services are universally accessible in the United States. APHA represents a broad array of health professionals and others who care about their own health and the health of their

communities.

APHA builds a collective voice for public health, working to ensure access to health care, protect funding for core public health services and eliminate health disparities, among a myriad of other issues. Through its two flagship publications, the peer-reviewed *American Journal of Public Health* and the award-winning newspaper *The Nation's Health*, along with its e-newsletter *Inside Public Health*, the Association communicates the latest public health science and practice to members, opinion leaders and the public.

APHA chooses to make key reports and information available in the spirit of transparency and disclosure.

APHA is the primary voice for public health advocacy, leading the way to protect all Americans and their communities from preventable, serious health threats and striving to assure community-based health promotion and disease prevention activities and preventive health services are universally accessible in the United States. APHA represents a broad array of health providers, educators, environmentalists, policy-makers and health officials.

APHA, in coordination with its members and state affiliates, works with key decision-makers to shape public policy to address today's ongoing public health concerns such as ensuring access to care, protecting funding for core public health programs and services and eliminating health disparities. APHA is also working to address emerging public health issues including pandemic flu preparedness, children's health, access to care, environmental health, managed care, public health infrastructure, disease control, health disparities, bioterrorism, international health and tobacco control.

American Hospital Association (aha.org)

The American Hospital Association (AHA) is the national organization that represents and serves all types of hospitals, health care networks, and their patients and communities. Close to 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 40,000 individual members come together to form the AHA.

Through our representation and advocacy activities, AHA ensures that members' perspectives and needs are heard and addressed in national health policy development, legislative and regulatory debates, and judicial matters. Our advocacy efforts include the legislative and executive branches and include the legislative and regulatory arenas.

Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.

Vision: The AHA vision is of a society of healthy communities, where all individuals reach their highest potential for health.

Mission: To advance the health of individuals and communities. The AHA leads, represents and serves hospitals, health systems and other related organizations that are accountable to the community and committed to health improvement.

American Medical Association (ama-assn.org)

Since 1847 the American Medical Association (AMA) has had one mission: to promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health. Today, the core strategy used to carry out this mission is our concerted effort to help doctors help patients. We do this by uniting physicians nationwide to work on the most important professional and public health issues.

In 2011 our strategic plan focuses on five areas that encompass the central elements in health system reform:

- Access to care
- Quality of care
- Cost of health care
- Prevention and wellness
- Payment models

These topics represent the major areas of emphasis in which the AMA carries out its mission in the current environment. Our proposed actions are not only directed at solving reform issues at the policy level, but also at helping physicians adapt to—and adopt—changes in a productive way.

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (acog.org)

Founded in 1951 in Chicago, Illinois, ACOG has over 52,000 members and is the nation's leading group of professionals providing health care for women. Now based in Washington, DC, it is a private, voluntary, nonprofit membership organization

Support Federal Research and Programs to Improve Pregnancy Outcomes

- **Focus on Obesity Research, Treatment, and Prevention including:**
 - The impact of obesity on maternal health
 - The impact of obesity on infant health outcomes
 - The relationship between obesity and prematurity
 - The effects of weight and nutrition on pregnancy outcomes
- **Improve Data On Maternal and Infant Health, including:**
 - Adoption of standardized electronic birth and death records
 - State maternal mortality reviews
 - Safe Motherhood, Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), and Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) programs

- Data on race, ethnicity, sex, primary language, and disability
- A national system for reporting maternity care outcomes, including intended and actual birth sites and birth provider
- **Support Maternal and Infant Health Programs, including:**
 - The Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)
 - The Maternal Child Health Block Grant
 - Title X Family Planning
- **Support Research and Programs to Eliminate Disparities, including in:**
 - Obesity
 - Preterm births and low birth weight babies
 - Access to and utilization of preconception, prenatal, and family planning care
 - Breast-feeding promotion
 - Cultural competency in health care delivery
- **Continue Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Initiatives, including:**
 - Developing a Maternity Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS)
 - Ob-gyn performance measures developed by ACOG through the Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement (PCPI)
 - Widespread use of integrated health information technology
 - Comparative-effectiveness research
 - Evidence-based guidelines and patient education material
- **Launch Maternity Care Delivery Demonstration Projects, including:**
 - A women's medical home, tested through the CMS Innovation Center
 - Centering maternity care
 - Collaborative care practice models
- **Require Appropriate Training And Adequate Numbers Of All Maternity Care Providers**
 - Identify maternity care provider shortage areas and support loan repayment programs for ob-gyns, certified nurse midwives and certified midwives.
 - Ensure that the educational and professional standards of the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) are used to evaluate and certify all midwives.

CONGRESSWOMAN LAURA RICHARDSON

COSPONSORED HEALTHCARE BILLS

112TH CONGRESS

Co-Sponsored Bills:

H.R.1028 : Equal Access to COBRA Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Weiner, Anthony D. [NY-9] (introduced 3/10/2011) Cosponsors (51)

Committees: House Education and the Workforce; House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 3/21/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R.1774 : Increasing Access to Voluntary Screening for HIV/AIDS and STIs Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Hastings, Alcee L. [FL-23] (introduced 5/5/2011) Cosponsors (50)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Education and the Workforce; House Ways and Means; House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 5/20/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R.2310 : Equal Access to COBRA Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Speier, Jackie [CA-12] (introduced 6/23/2011) Cosponsors (55)

Committees: House Education and the Workforce; House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 9/8/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R.191 : Public Option Deficit Reduction Act

Sponsor: Rep Woolsey, Lynn C. [CA-6] (introduced 1/5/2011) Cosponsors (68)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 2/1/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.676 : Expanded & Improved Medicare For All Act

Sponsor: Rep Conyers, John, Jr. [MI-14] (introduced 2/11/2011) Cosponsors (74)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means; House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 2/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.733 : Pancreatic Cancer Research and Education Act

Sponsor: Rep Eshoo, Anna G. [CA-14] (introduced 2/16/2011) Cosponsors (205)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.831 : To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare Program.

Sponsor: Rep Schakowsky, Janice D. [IL-9] (introduced 2/28/2011) Cosponsors (35)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 3/11/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.891 : Medication Therapy Management Benefits Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [WA-5] (introduced 3/3/2011) Cosponsors (42)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 3/14/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.894 : Maternal Health Accountability Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Conyers, John, Jr. [MI-14] (introduced 3/3/2011) Cosponsors (60)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 3/11/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.965 : Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [NY-28] (introduced 3/9/2011)
Cosponsors (75)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Rules

Latest Major Action: 3/14/2011 Referred to House subcommittee.

H.R.1462 : National Black Clergy for the Elimination of HIV/AIDS Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Rangel, Charles B. [NY-15] (introduced 4/8/2011) Cosponsors (44)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 4/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.d to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1546 : Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Services Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Gerlach, Jim [PA-6] (introduced 4/14/2011) Cosponsors (137)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 4/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1578 : Violence Against Women Health Initiative Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [NY-28] (introduced 4/15/2011)
Cosponsors (31)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 4/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1580 : Medicare Beneficiary Preservation of Choice Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Gonzalez, Charles A. [TX-20] (introduced 4/15/2011) Cosponsors (70)

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 4/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1666 : Breaking Barriers to Oral Health Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Simpson, Michael K. [ID-2] (introduced 5/2/2011) Cosponsors (21)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 5/5/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1774 : Increasing Access to Voluntary Screening for HIV/AIDS and STIs Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Hastings, Alcee L. [FL-23] (introduced 5/5/2011) Cosponsors (50)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Education and the Workforce; House Ways and Means; House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 5/20/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R.1845 : Medicare IVIG Access Act

Sponsor: Rep Brady, Kevin [TX-8] (introduced 5/11/2011) Cosponsors (49)

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 5/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1880 : Status Report on the 30th Anniversary of HIV/AIDS Act

Sponsor: Rep Lee, Barbara [CA-9] (introduced 5/12/2011) Cosponsors (97)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Foreign Affairs

Latest Major Action: 8/2/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights.

H.R.1919 : Bleeding Disorder Screening, Awareness, and Further Education (SAFE) Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep McCarthy, Carolyn [NY-4] (introduced 5/13/2011) Cosponsors (5)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 5/23/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2005 : Combating Autism Reauthorization Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Smith, Christopher H. [NJ-4] (introduced 5/26/2011) Cosponsors (100)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 112-32 [**GPO:** [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

H.R.2104 : Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility, and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Whitfield, Ed [KY-1] (introduced 6/2/2011) Cosponsors (66)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 6/6/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2159 : PROSTATE Act

Sponsor: Rep Towns, Edolphus [NY-10] (introduced 6/14/2011) Cosponsors (35)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2310 : Equal Access to COBRA Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Speier, Jackie [CA-12] (introduced 6/23/2011) Cosponsors (55)

Committees: House Education and the Workforce; House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 9/8/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R.2341 : Direct Care Job Quality Improvement Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Sanchez, Linda T. [CA-39] (introduced 6/23/2011) Cosponsors (34)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Education and the Workforce

Latest Major Action: 9/8/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.

H.R.2499 : Lymphedema Diagnosis and Treatment Cost-Saving Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Kissell, Larry [NC-8] (introduced 7/12/2011) Cosponsors (51)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 7/20/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2521 : Endocrine-Disrupting Chemicals Exposure Elimination Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Moran, James P. [VA-8] (introduced 7/13/2011) Cosponsors (14)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 7/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2600 : National Pediatric Acquired Brain Injury Plan Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Lance, Leonard [NJ-7] (introduced 7/20/2011) Cosponsors (104)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2678 : Communities of Color Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Roybal-Allard, Lucille [CA-34] (introduced 7/28/2011)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 8/1/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2798 : To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for training and support services for Alzheimer's patients and their families.

Sponsor: Rep Waters, Maxine [CA-35] (introduced 8/5/2011) Cosponsors (17)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 8/5/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.2799 : To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to provide treatment for diabetes in minority communities.

Sponsor: Rep Waters, Maxine [CA-35] (introduced 8/5/2011) Cosponsors (19)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 8/5/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.2954 : Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Lee, Barbara [CA-9] (introduced 9/15/2011) Cosponsors (75)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means; House Education and the Workforce; House Budget; House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services; House Agriculture; House Judiciary; House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 11/18/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

H.R.3067 : Accelerating the End of Breast Cancer Act of 2011

Sponsor: Rep Bass, Karen [CA-33] (introduced 9/26/2011) Cosponsors (88)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 9/26/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.3613 : Part D Beneficiary Appeals Fairness Act

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [GA-4] (introduced 12/8/2011)

Cosponsors (33)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 12/9/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.RES.51 : Supporting the goals and ideals of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

Sponsor: Rep Lee, Barbara [CA-9] (introduced 1/24/2011) Cosponsors (40)

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 2/1/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.