

Jurisdiction of Key Committees on Health Matters

United States Senate

Committee on Finance

*Chair: Sen. Max Baucus
(D)(Mont..)*

*Ranking: Sen. Charles
Grassley
(R)(Iowa)*

Health Subcommittee

*Chair: Sen. Jay Rockefeller
(D) (W.Va)*

*Ranking: Sen. Orrin Hatch
(R)(Utah)*

- Health programs under the Social Security Act and health programs financed by a specific tax or trust fund.
- Department of Health and Human Services
 - a. Medicare Parts A & B; Medicare Drug Benefit (Part D); Medicare Advantage (Part C)
 - b. Medicaid
 - c. State Children Health Insurance Program
 - d. Administration for Children and Families (w/ HELP Committee) [TANF; Child Welfare Services; Child Support & Paternity; JOBS program; Foster Care & Adoption Assistance; Maternal & Child Health Title XX Social Services Block Grant Program; Child Care and Development Block Grant; Independent Living Program; Promoting Safe and Stable Families]

Source <http://finance.senate.gov/sitepages/jurisdiction.htm>

Source: <http://www.kaiseredu.org/tutorials/reformprocess/player.html>

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions (HELP)

*Chair: Sen. Tom Harkin
(D)(Iowa.)*

*Ranking: Sen. Mike Enzi
(R)(Wyo.)*

- The HELP Committee jurisdiction encompasses most of the agencies, institutes, and programs of the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, the Administration on Aging, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.
- Public health and health insurance statutes to address emerging threats and changing patterns in the healthcare industry.
- Biomedical research and development.
- Occupational safety and health, including the welfare of miners

Source http://help.senate.gov/Health_index.html

Source: <http://www.kaiseredu.org/tutorials/reformprocess/player.html>

United States House of Representatives

Committee on Education and Labor

*Chair: Rep. George Miller
(D)(CA)*
*Ranking: Rep John Kline
(R)(Minn.)*

- Workforce initiatives aimed at strengthening health care
- Access to quality health care for working families and other employee benefits
- Workers' health and safety including, but not limited to, occupational safety and health, mine health and safety, youth camp safety, and migrant and agricultural labor health and safety.

Source: <http://edlabor.house.gov/about/jurisdiction/>
Source: <http://www.kaiseredu.org/tutorials/reformprocess/player.html>

Committee on Energy and Commerce

*Chair: Rep. Henry Waxman
(D)(CA)*
*Ranking: Rep. Joe Barton
(R)(TX)*

Health Subcommittee
*Chair: Rep. Frank Pallone
(D)(NJ)*
*Ranking: Rep. Nathan Deal
(R)(GA)*

Energy and Commerce specifically has oversight on health programs that are funded by general revenue (as opposed to specific taxes)

- National health insurance
- Medicaid
- Medicare (part B only)
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Public health and quarantine
- Hospital construction
- Mental health and research
- Food and drugs
- Drug abuse

Source: <http://www.kaiseredu.org/tutorials/reformprocess/player.html>
Source: http://energycommerce.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1576:subcommittee-on-health&catid=162:jurisdiction&Itemid=86

**Committee on Ways
and Means**

*Chair: Rep. Charles Rangel
(D)(NY)*

*Ranking: Rep. Dave Camp
(R)(Mich)*

Health Subcommittee

*Chair: Rep. Pete Stark
(D)(CA)*

*Ranking: Rep. Wally Herger
(R)(CA)*

Ways and Means has oversight over health programs that are supported by payroll deductions

- Matters that relate to the health care programs of the Social Security Act (including titles V, XI (Part B), XVIII, and XIX thereof)
 - Medicare (jurisdiction over Medicare Part B is shared with the Energy and Commerce Committee)
- Programs providing payments (from any source) for health care, health delivery systems, or health research.
- Tax credit and deduction provisions of the Internal Revenue Code dealing with health insurance premiums and health care costs.

Source: <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/about.asp?section=52&comm=1>

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