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Appropriations Information Legislation of Interest Outlook – 111th Congress Follow Up – 110th Congress

FY 09 Appropriations Status

- HR 1105 Omnibus Appropriations
 - Passed House Feb. 25 (245-178)
 - Senate scheduled to consider this week
 - Must be resolved by March 6 (CR expires)
- Key Provisions
 NIH \$30.3 Billion
 NCI \$4.97 Billion

FY 2010 Appropriations

• Budget "outline" discussed last week

 Administration indicated the official budget will be issued in early April

• Appropriations Subcommittees have not determined the number of hearings they will be able to schedule to inform FY 2010 Appropriations bills Economic Stimulus HR1 -American Recovery and Reinvestment Act <u>Purpose</u>

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New Legislation Introduced

✓ Access to Cancer Clinical Trials Act

✓ Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization

✓ Pancreatic Cancer Research and Education

 ✓ National Childhood Brain Tumor Prevention Network Act

✓ Health Information Technology Bills (page 8)

Access to Cancer Clinical Trials Act

• HR 716 [re]introduced January 27, 2009 by Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY)

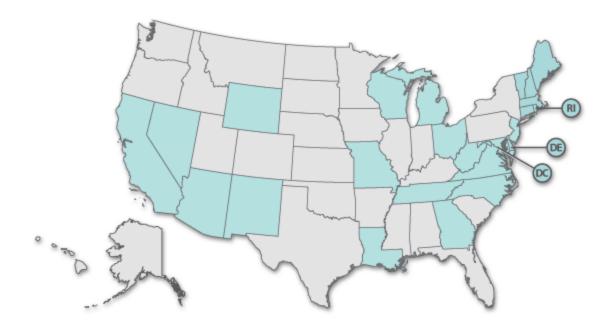
Key Provisions

Group health plans may not:

- deny beneficiary participation in trial
- deny coverage of routine costs
- discriminate against patients based on participation in trial
- Amends PHSA, ERISA, Internal Revenue Code
- HHS Secretary must study impact on group health plans
- State laws enacted

States That Require Health Plans to Cover Patient Care Costs in Clinical Trials

Map (click on a blue-highlighted state/location to see the law or agreement and its key provisions)



http://www.cancer.gov/clinicaltrials/developments/laws-about-clinical-trial-costs

SCHIP Bill

HR 2 and S 275 – Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act

- Introduced by Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) on Jan 13, 2009; Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT) on Jan. 16, 2009.
- HR 2 passed the House on Jan. 14 (289-139)
- Senate passed Jan. 29
- President signed Feb. 4 (Public Law 111-2)

Key Provisions

- Reauthorizes SCHIP through 2013.
- Pays for expansion through increase of cigarette taxes.

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Outlook – 111th Congress

Committee Changes

• New Chair/Ranking Members

• New Ratios

- New Priorities
 - Health Care Reform

• Health IT

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Follow Up – 110th Congress Legislative Implementation Plans • Breast Cancer & Environment (PL 110-354) -Authorized grants for development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer - Established Interagency Breast Cancer and **Environmental Research Coordinating Committee** • Conquer Childhood Cancer Act (PL 110-285)

- Enhance, expand and intensify pediatric cancer research

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