

Health Care Reform Legislation – 2009-10 Session

Access to Affordable Health Insurance

HB 1	Expand access to basic health insurance by building on the current adultBasic program and obtaining federal matching funds	Eachus	Received final passage by the House and is currently before the Senate Banking & Insurance Committee.
HB 746	Reform small group insurance market by prohibiting medical underwriting and grant the Insurance Commissioner rate review powers	DeLuca	Received final passage by the House and is currently before the Senate Banking & Insurance Committee.

PHC4 Reauthorization

SB 89	Reauthorize the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council	Vance	Has passed both chambers and signed into law by the Governor – now Act No. 3
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Serious Preventable Medical Errors – “Never Events”

HB 84	Prohibits the health care provider from seeking reimbursement for a serious preventable medical error	DeLuca	Has passed both chambers and signed into law by the Governor – now Act No. 1
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Option to Extend Insurance Coverage for Dependent Children

SB 189	Offers parents the option to carry uninsured children to age 30 on their health insurance plan	Corman	Has passed both chambers and been signed into law by the Governor – now Act No. 4
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Mini-COBRA

SB 442	Mini-COBRA coverage to employers with 2-19 employees	D. White	Has passed both chambers and been signed into law by the Governor – now Act No. 2
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Community Health Clinics

SB 5	Creates a Community-Based Health Care Program with hospital clinics	Erickson	Has received second consideration and is currently before the Senate Appropriations Committee.
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