

**Emergency Medicine Provisions
2009 Congressional Health Care Reform**

Health Care Reform Provisions	House (HR 3962)	Senate (HR 3590)
Include emergency services as part of essential health care benefits package	X	X
Quality improvement measured by ED patient through-put	X	
Statutory authorization for ECCC & ECCC Council of Emergency Medicine. HHS annual report to Congress on ECCC activities w/focus on ED crowding/boarding & delays in ED care following presentation.	X	
Directs Secretary of HHS to expand/accelerate emergency medicine research and pediatric emergency medicine research at NIH, AHRQ, HRSA, CDC, et. al.		X
Emergency care/trauma regionalization pilot project grants	X	X
Trauma stabilization grants	X	X
Reauthorize EMSC for 5 years		X
HHS incentive payments to states that establish medical liability reforms (Certificate of Merit/early offer)	X	
HHS demo project to reimburse private psych hospitals that provide EMTALA services to Medicaid beneficiaries	X	X
Require Exchange health plans to provide emergency services w/out regard to prior authorization or EPs contractual relationship		X
Patients' Bill of Rights and prudent layperson standard applied to all health care plans		X
HHS working group to develop ED boarding & ambulance diversion standards & quality measures for hospitals to improve ED efficiency & patient flow		** Provision was included in measure approved by the Senate Finance Committee. Will be addressed administratively (no longer necessary to include in legislation).
Sec. 1011 (federal reimbursement of emergency health services provided to individuals not lawfully present in US) extension		** Provision submitted for Senate Manager's Amendment, but not included. May still be considered during House-Senate Conference.