



THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

MEMORANDUM

May 23, 2014

To: Health Subcommittee Members

From: Majority Committee Staff

Re: Health Subcommittee Markup on May 28

The Subcommittee on Health will meet in open markup session on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building to consider public health legislation. A summary of the legislation to be considered is below.

In keeping with Chairman Upton's announced policy, Members must submit any amendments they may have two hours before they are offered during this markup. Members may submit amendments by email to peter.kielty@mail.house.gov. Any information with respect to an amendment's parliamentary standing (e.g., its germaneness) should be submitted at this time as well.

I. H.R. 4299, IMPROVING REGULATORY TRANSPARENCY FOR NEW MEDICAL THERAPIES ACT

Chairman Pitts and Ranking Member Pallone introduced H.R. 4299 on March 26, 2014. Currently, new drug products containing substances that previously have not been marketed in the United States and that have abuse potential must be scheduled under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) prior to being marketed. Under the CSA, there is no deadline for the DEA to make a scheduling decision after receiving a recommendation from the Food and Drug Administration, and the delays in DEA's decisions have increased significantly. H.R. 4299 would rectify that problem by ensuring DEA acts in a timely manner and allows new products to reach patients consistently.

II. H.R. 4709, ENSURING PATIENT ACCESS AND EFFECTIVE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACT

H.R. 4709, introduced by Rep. Marino, Rep. Blackburn, Rep. Welch, and Rep. Chu on May 21, 2014, would help prevent prescription drug abuse, establish clear and consistent enforcement standards, and ensure patients have access to needed medications by promoting collaboration between government agencies, patients, and industry stakeholders. The bill is based on H.R. 4069, which was discussed at the April 7, 2014, Subcommittee on Health legislative hearing.

III. H.R. 4631, COMBATING AUTISM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2014

The bill, introduced by Rep. Chris Smith and Rep. Doyle on May 9, 2014, would reauthorize the Combating Autism Reauthorization Act to continue autism-related Federal research, early identification and intervention, education, and activities of the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee. The bill also includes an initiative that would ensure the implementation of the strategic plan developed by the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee and the elimination of duplicative research. Finally, the bill would require that the Government Accountability Office complete a study on the socioeconomic needs and available services for autistic patients transitioning into adulthood.

IV. CONCLUSION

Should you have any questions regarding the markup, please contact Brenda Destro, Katie Novaria, Carly McWilliams, or John Stone at 202-225-2927.