



Become a Knowledgeable Resource Person on Health Reform

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Jim Grizzell's Bio

Jim Grizzell has over 28 years experience in developing, implementing and evaluating of cost-effective worksite and university wellness programs.

His most recent experience was as a contractor to assist in the development of programs and train civilian health educators for the US Air Force. Previous work includes directing Chevron Oil Company's first employee wellness program, a Johnson & Johnson site employee wellness program and managing a health club for Brunswick Corporation. He directed the health promotion program for over 12 years for Cal Poly Pomona. Currently Jim consults on developing evidence-based cost-effective health programs to improve employee and student health, reduce health care costs, and reduce absenteeism, and increase productivity and academic performance. He teaches online and classroom academic courses on health policy and management, consumer health, stress management and social marketing for Cal Poly and George Washington University.

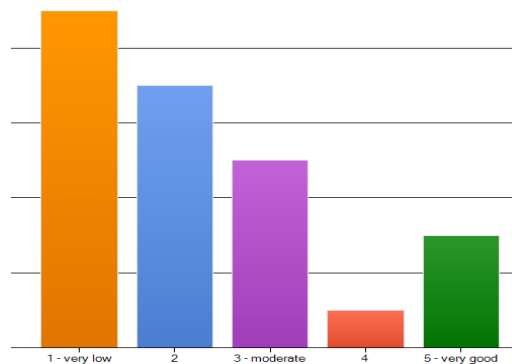
Jim has a bachelor's degree in business administration, master's degree in exercise science, and MBA and is working on a doctorate in public health. His certifications include Certified Health Education Specialist and Health / Fitness Specialist. He is a Fellow in the American College Health Association.

Introduction

- Goal
 - Participants will be able to serve as knowledgeable health education resources on health reform
 - Find and read health reform documents
 - VI. CHES Responsibility
 - Competencies
 - A. Use health-related information resources
 - B. Respond to requests for health information
 - C. Select resource materials for dissemination
 - D. Establish consultative relationships

Background of Health Reform

- Need for Webinar
 - In the news
 - Survey results
- History
 - 1847 through 2008
 - 2009
 - Bills of 111th Congress
 - House and Senate Bills




111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3200

To provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, and for other purposes.



Where to Find Bills

- Government Printing Office (GPO)
 - http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:h3200ih.txt.pdf
- Library of Congress (LOC)
 - <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/c111query.html>
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 - www.healthedpartners.org/healthreform/hr_3200_261pg.pdf
- Congressional Research Service (CRS)
 - www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h3200/text

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- Library of Congress
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H.R.3200

Title: To provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Dingell, John D.](#) [MI-15] (introduced 7/14/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (8)

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 31 - 28.

All Information (except text)	Text of Legislation	CRS Summary	Major Congressional Actions All Congressional Actions All Congressional Actions with Amendments With links to <i>Congressional Record</i> pages, votes, reports
Titles	Cosponsors (8)	Committees	
Related Bills	Amendments	Related Committee Documents	
CBO Cost Estimates	Subjects		

Format of Bills

- Difficult to easy
 - GPO
 - 1,017 pages, line numbers, 14 pt font, 165 word/page
 - Readability = 31, very difficult, college sophomore level
 - LOC
 - Printer Friendly, 261 pages, no line numbers, 10 pt font, 670 words/page
 - CRS
 - Web page, comment lines and permalinks

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1 by the Commissioner, the Commissioner may impose
2 an additional penalty.

3 **SEC. 246. NO FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR UNDOCUMENTED**
4 **ALIENS.**

5 Nothing in this subtitle shall allow Federal payments
6 for affordability credits on behalf of individuals who are
7 not lawfully present in the United States.

8 **TITLE III—SHARED**
9 **RESPONSIBILITY**
10 **Subtitle A—Individual**
11 **Responsibility**

12 **SEC. 301. INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.**

13 For an individual's responsibility to obtain acceptable
14 coverage, see section 59B of the Internal Revenue Code
15 of 1986 (as added by section 401 of this Act).

16 **Subtitle B—Employer**
17 **Responsibility**

18 **PART 1—HEALTH COVERAGE PARTICIPATION**
19 **REQUIREMENTS**

20 **SEC. 311. HEALTH COVERAGE PARTICIPATION REQUIRE-**
21 **MENTS.**

22 An employer meets the requirements of this section
23 if such employer does all of the following:

24 (1) **OFFER OF COVERAGE.**—The employer of-
25 fers each employee individual and family coverage

Organization of HR 3200

America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009

HR 3200 - A bill to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending.

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Title I - Protections and Standards for
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Title III - Shared Responsibility

Title IV - Amendments to Internal
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Division B - Medicare and Medicaid Improvements

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Finding Information in HR 3200



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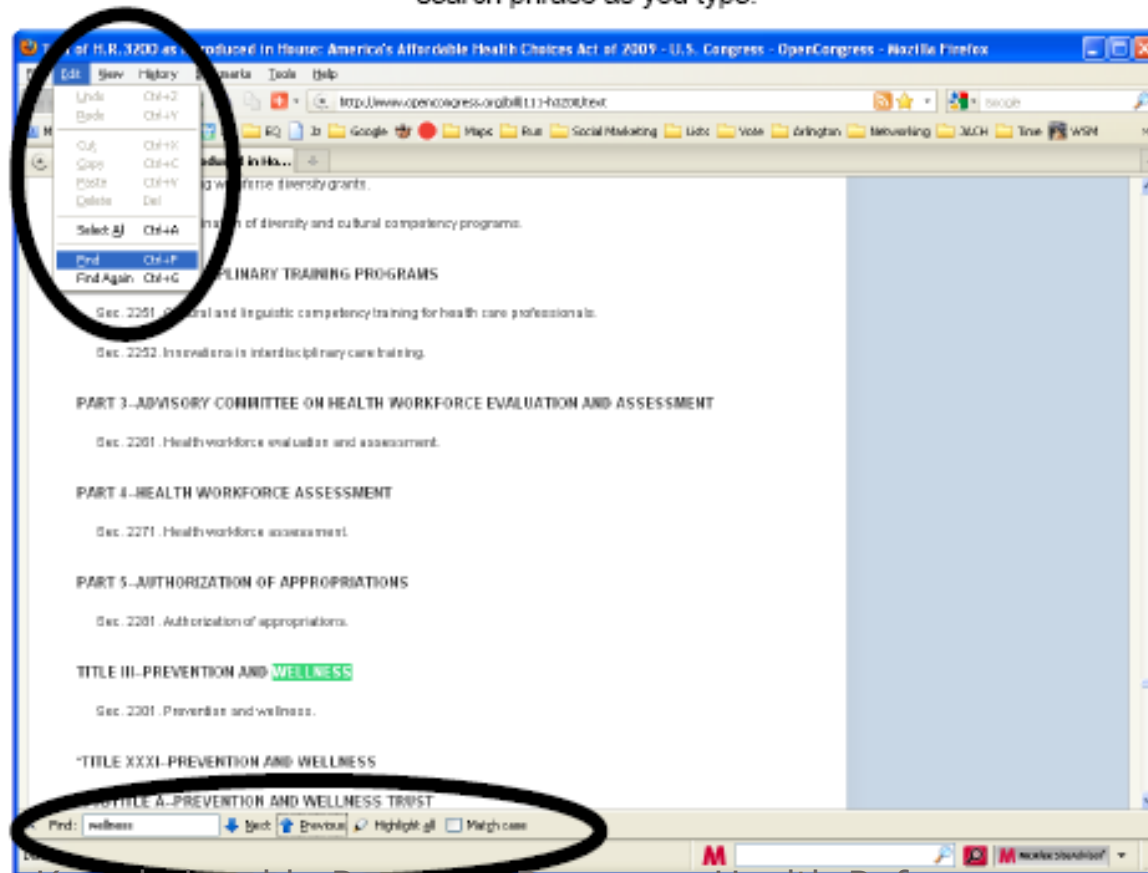
The bill builds on what works in today's health care system and fixes the parts that are broken. It protects current coverage – allowing individuals to keep the insurance they have if they like it – and preserves choice of doctors, hospitals, and health plans. It achieves these reforms through:

- **A Health Insurance Exchange.** The new Health Insurance Exchange creates a transparent and functional marketplace for individuals and small employers to comparison shop among private and public insurers. It works with state insurance departments to set and enforce insurance reforms and consumer protections, facilitates enrollment, and administers affordability credits to help low- and middle-income individuals and families purchase insurance. Over time, the Exchange will be opened to additional employers as another choice for covering their employees. States may opt to operate the Exchange in lieu of the national Exchange provided they follow the federal rules.
- **A public health insurance option.** One of the many choices of health insurance within the health insurance Exchange is a public health insurance option. It will be a new choice in many areas of our country dominated by just one or two private insurers today. The public option will operate on a level playing field. It will be subject to the same market reforms and consumer protections as other private plans in the Exchange and it will be self-sustaining – financed only by its premiums.
- **Guaranteed coverage and insurance market reforms.** Insurance companies will no longer be able to engage in discriminatory practices that enable them to refuse to sell or renew policies today due to an individual's health status. In addition, they can no longer exclude coverage of treatments for pre-existing health conditions. The bill also protects consumers by prohibiting lifetime and annual limits on benefits. It also limits the ability of insurance companies to charge higher rates due to health status, gender, or other factors. Under the proposal, premiums can vary based only on age (no more than 2:1), geography and family size.
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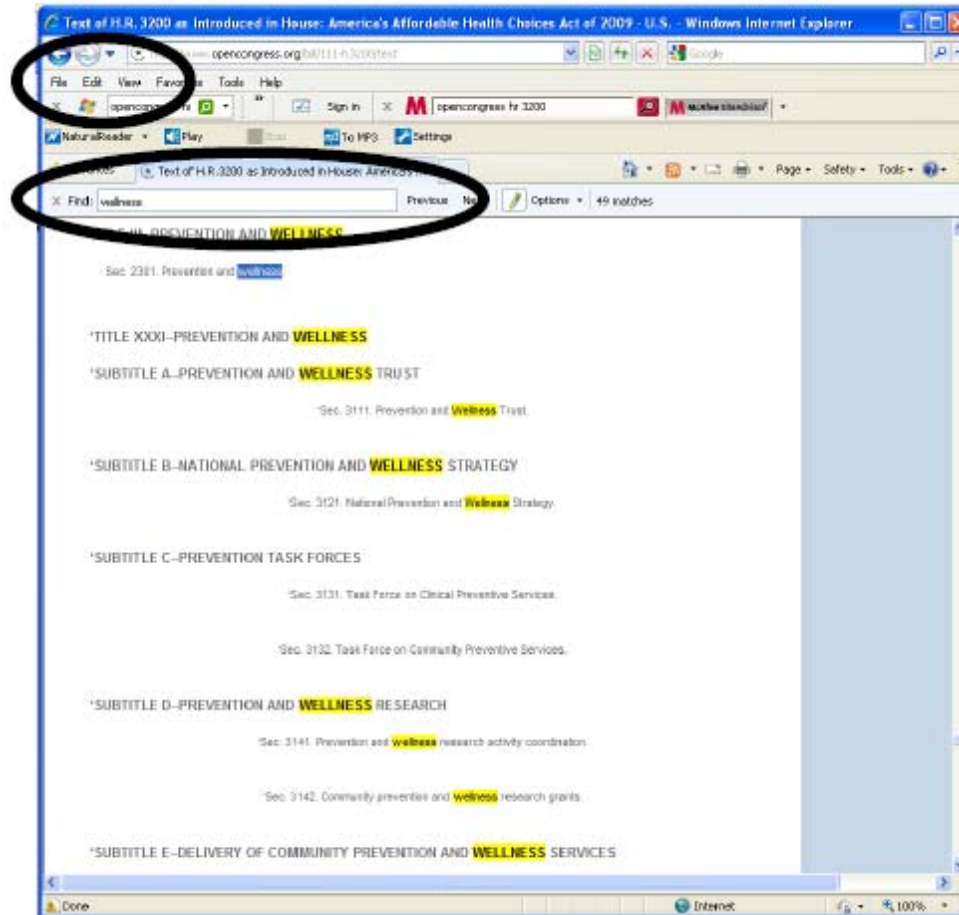
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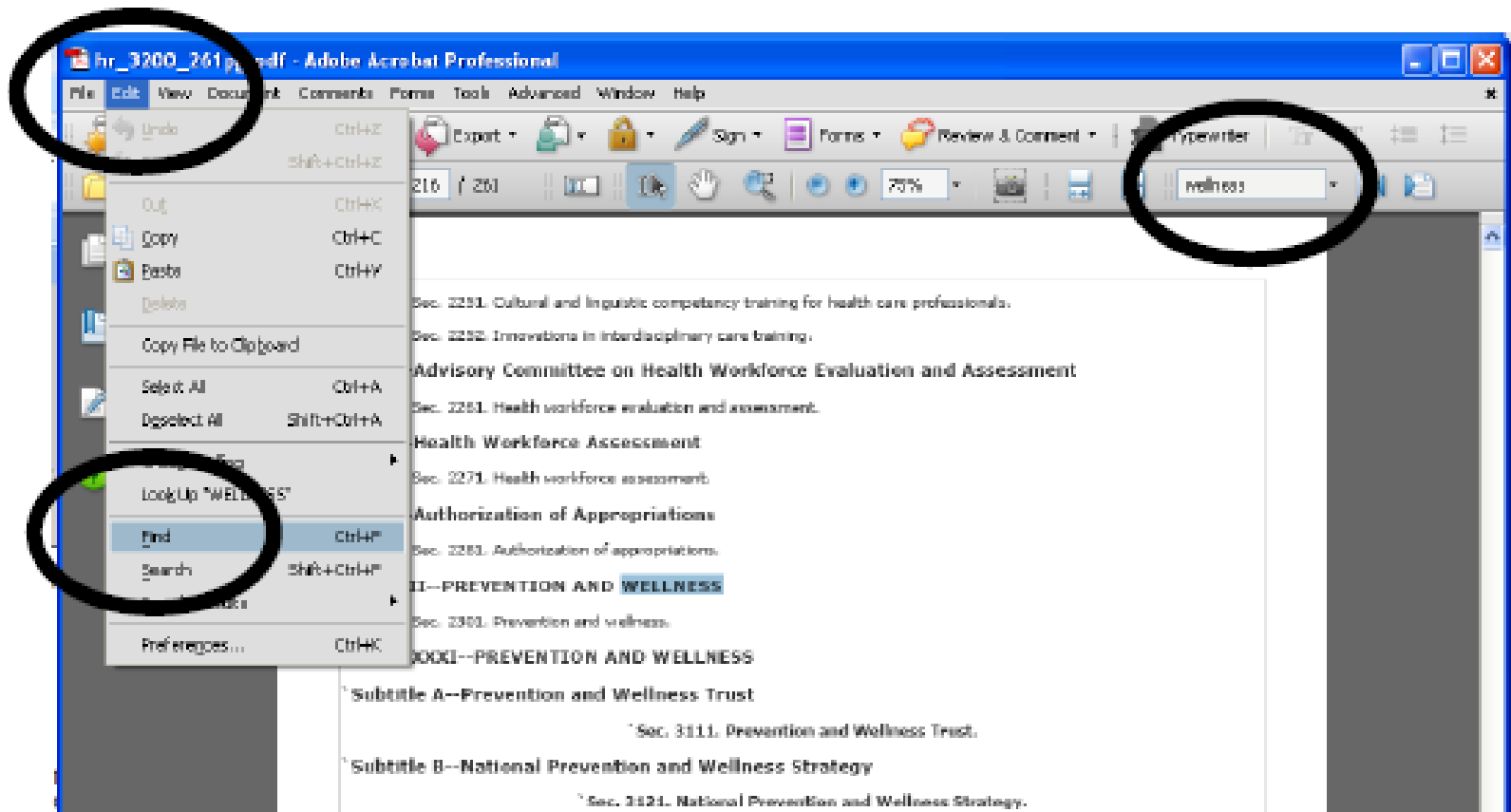
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Sources of Accurate Information

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 - House & Senate web sites
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- Sources listed by “Good” and “Very Good” Resource Persons
 - Washingtonwatch.com
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 - Synopses from professional organizations
 - Talking with colleagues

Continuing Education Credit

- Webinar
 - 1.0 hour, \$15
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 - www.healthedpartners.org/ceu/healthreformwebinar
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