



Summary: Selected Health & Human Services Enacted Legislation in the 113th Congress
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ISSUE/TITLE	DESCRIPTION	NCSL POLICY, CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLICATIONS
MISCELLANEOUS		
<p>Violence against women Reauthorization act of 2013 Sponsor: Senator Leahy (D-VT)</p>	<p>Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amends the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA) to strengthen the ability of federal and state law enforcement, and service providers to combat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. <p>State Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Imposes additional STOP¹ grant requirements on states. ▪ Reauthorizes grants to states to fund outreach and education s strategies targeted at violence. ▪ Authorizes funding for grants to establish, expand, or maintain rape crisis centers. ▪ Expands grant program opportunities to territorial or tribal sexual assault coalitions. ▪ Authorizes grants to states to combat sex trafficking. <p>Signed into law by President Obama as P.L. 113-4. (05/07/2013)</p>	<p><u>NCSL Policy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NCSL supports extended protection to victims of trafficking, victims of domestic violence, and unaccompanied minors. <p><u>Publications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Congressional Research Service Summary– Violence against women Reauthorization act of 2013
PUBLIC HEALTH		
<p>To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines Sponsor: Representative Rogers (R-MI)</p>	<p>Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include vaccines against seasonal influenza with the definition of taxable vaccines. <p>State Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None <p>Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expands the list of vaccines covered under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program² administered by the 	<p><u>NCSL Policy</u></p> <p>Vaccines and Immunizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vaccine Supply - NCSL urges the Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to maintain a reasonable stockpile of pediatric vaccine, seasonal influenza vaccine and vaccines that may be used during a flu pandemic so that everyone who needs an immunization can be served.

¹ STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grants to States--The STOP Program promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to enhancing advocacy and improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. It encourages the development and improvement of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and improvement of advocacy and services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

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	<p>Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) by adding all seasonal influenza vaccines to the list of vaccines on which a federal excise tax of 75 cents per dose is imposed.</p> <p>Signed into law by President Obama as P.L. 113-15. (06/25/2013)</p>	
<p>Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2013 Sponsor: Representative Rogers (R-MI)</p>	<p>Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reauthorizes and revises public health preparedness and medical countermeasure development programs. <p>State Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reauthorizes funding for state public health preparedness programs. <p>Signed into law by President Obama as P.L. 113-5. (03/14/2013)</p>	<p><u>NCSL Policy</u></p> <p>Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NCSL urges the federal government to provide states, territories, and the District of Columbia with sufficient funding and resources to enable them to continue to build and maintain an infrastructure to support on-going efforts to respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. <p><u>Publications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NCSL Summary– Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2013.
VETERANS		
<p>Improving Job Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2013 Sponsor: Representative Coffman (R-CO)</p>	<p>Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pensions for veterans in Medicaid approved nursing homes. <p>Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extends for one month, Nov. 30, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2016, the expiration date of provisions of current law that sets a \$90 per month limit on pensions paid to any veteran who does not have a spouse or child and who is receiving Medicaid benefits in a Medicaid-approved nursing home. ▪ The provision also applies to any survivor of a veteran who is receiving this type of coverage. <p>Signed into law by President Obama. (09/30/2013)</p>	<p><u>NCSL Policy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NCSL has no policy.

² The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-660) was created the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP). The VICP was established to ensure an adequate supply of vaccines, stabilize vaccine costs, and establish and maintain an accessible and efficient forum for individuals found to be injured by certain vaccines. The VICP is a no-fault alternative to the traditional tort system for resolving vaccine injury claims that provides compensation to people found to be injured by certain vaccines.