

NASHIA TAC Legislative Tracking Grid					
6/28/2007		110th Congress -- 2007-2008			
H.R. #	S. #	Title	Sponsors	Comments	Status
BRAIN INJURY					
1418		Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act	Pascrell (D-NJ) Platts (R-PA) 25 other co-sponsors	Reauthorizes appropriations for the CDC prevention, education and surveillance programs; HRSA State and P&A Grant Programs; expands State Grant Program to include American Indian Consortia.	Referred to Energy & Commerce Committee 3/8/07. (H)
	793	Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act	Hatch (R-UT) Kennedy (D-MA) Clinton (D-NY) Durbin (D-IL) Brown (D-OH)	Reauthorizes appropriations for the CDC TBI programs; HRSA State and P&A Grant Programs; added new section directing VA/ DoD/CDC/NIH to report how to collect data relating to TBI associated with military.	HELP* Committee reported favorably 6/27/07.
HCR 91		Resolution calling for the Designation of March as National Brain Injury Awareness Month	Pascrell (D-NJ) Platts (R-PA) 41 co-sponsors	Designates March as National Brain Injury Awareness Month and expresses the Need for Public Awareness of Traumatic Brain Injury and Support	Referred to Energy & Commerce Committee 3/8/07. (H)
BUDGET					
2206		U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Act of 2007	Obey (D-WI)	Supplemental emergency spending bill (FY'07) Contains \$300 million for TBI research, care; \$393 million for State shortfalls in SCHIP; and increases minimum wage.	President Signed 5/25/2007 P.L. 110-28
1585		National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2008	Skelton (D-MO) Duncan (R-CA)	Authorizes appropriations for FY 2008 military activities. Includes provisions of the Wounded Warriors Assistance Act, which includes TBI related issues.	Passed House 5/16/07. Referred to Senate.
DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE					
1279		Direct Support Professionals Fairness and Security Act of 2007	Capps (D-CA) 9 co-sponsors	Increases wages to direct support staff providing services to Medicaid eligible persons with disabilities.	Referred to Energy & Commerce Committee 3/1/07. (H)
EDUCATION					
526		Full Funding for IDEA Now Act	Larson (D-CT) 51 co-sponsors	To provide full funding for assistance for education of all children with disabilities.	Referred to Education
*HELP = Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee					

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					& Labor Committee 1/17/07.(H)
648		No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007	Young (D-AK) 4 co-sponsors	Amends NCLB, including giving States greater flexibility in the use of alternative assessments for students with disabilities and those not proficient in English.	Referred to Education & Labor Committee 1/23/07. (H)
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/TRAUMA CARE					
	60	Wakefield Act	Inouye (D-HI)	Reauthorize Emergency Medical Services for Children Program	Referred to HELP Com. 1/4/07. (S)
727		Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act of 2007	Green (D-TX) 16 co-sponsors	Reauthorizes Trauma Care Act. Similar to S. 657.	Pres. signed 5/3/2007. P.L. 110-23
	657	Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act of 2007	Reed (D-RI) Kennedy (D-MA) Roberts (R-KS) Jeffords (I-VT) Hatch (R-UT) Murray D-WA) Clinton (D-NY)	Reauthorizes Trauma Care Act; directs study by Institute of Medicine or other entity to study trauma care and research.	Introduced 2/16/07.
HOUSING					
173		One Strike and You're Out! Act of 2007	Lee (D-CA)	To protect innocent elderly and disabled tenants in public housing and Section 8 Rental Assistance Program eviction by reason of criminal activity.	Referred to Financial Services Committee 1/4/07. (H)
1851		Section 8 Voucher Reform Act (SEVR)	Frank (D-MA)	Reforms and streamlines housing voucher program; simplifies rules on housing quality inspections; and establishes funding formula.	Financial Committee passed 5/25/07 (H).
INSURANCE					
1367		Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act	Kennedy (D-RI) Ramstad (R-MN)	Require mental health benefits offered by group plans with 50 or more enrollees to be equal to coverage for other medical conditions.	Referred to Energy & Commerce Committee 3/7/07. (H)

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1424		Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007	Kennedy (D-RI)	Requires employers and health plans to cover treatment for mental health conditions on the same terms and conditions as all other illnesses.	Referred to Energy & Commerce Com.3/9/07
	558	Mental Health Parity Act of 2007	Domenici (R-NM) 40 Co-sponsors	Requires employers and health plans to cover treatment for mental health conditions on the same terms and conditions as all other illnesses.	HELP Committee reported bill 4/11/07. (S)
MEDICAID					
1017		Protecting Children's Health in Schools Act of 2007	Dingell (D-MI) Whitfield (R-KY)	To improve requirements under the Medicaid Program for items and services furnished in or through an educational program or setting to children, including children with developmental, physical, or mental health needs.	Referred to Energy & Commerce Committee 2/13/07. (H)
	578	Protecting Children's Health in Schools Act of 2007	Kennedy (D-MA) Smith (R-OR)	Clarifies that schools can use Medicaid for transportation and some administrative claims. Similar to H.R. 1017.	Referred to Finance Committee 2/13/07 (S).
1111		Kids Come First Act of 2007	Waxman (D-CA) 40 co-sponsors	Amends Medicaid (Title XIX of Social Security Act) to give States option to provide wrap around services to children who have SCHIP coverage; enroll low-income children of State employees in SCHIP; eliminates cap on SCHIP funding for States expanding eligibility.	Referred to Energy & Commerce Committee 2/16/07 & Ways & Means Com. (H)
	95	Kids Come First Act of 2007	Kerry (D-MA) 6 co-sponsors	Same as H.R. 1111.	Referred to Finance Committee 1/4/07. (S)
	401	Keeping Children Covered Act of 2007	Rockefeller (D-WV)	Allows HHS to give each remaining SCHIP shortfall States an amount the Secretary decides will eliminate the shortfalls for 2007.	Referred to Finance Committee. 1/25/07.(S)
1535		Children's Health First Act	Dingell (D-MI) 22 sponsors	Makes health care coverage available to all children by giving States incentives to expand SCHIP up to 400% of poverty level. Reauthorizes SCHIP.	Referred to Energy & Commerce Committee 3/15/07 (H).
	895	Children's Health First Act	Clinton (D-NY)	Makes health care coverage available to all children by giving States incentives to expand SCHIP up to 400% of poverty level. Reauthorizes SCHIP.	Referred to Finance Committee 3/15/07 (S).

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1688		All Healthy Children Act of 2007	Scott (D-VA)	Consolidates children's health coverage under Medicaid and SCHIP into single program; includes health and mental health coverage. Same as S. 1564.	Referred to H. Energy & Commerce Com. 3/27/07
	1564	All Healthy Children Act of 2007	Sanders (I-VT)	Same as H.R. 1688.	Finance Committee 6/7/07. (S)
2147		Healthy Kids Act of 2007	Emanuel (D-IL)	Reauthorizes the SCHIP Program; streamlines enrollment under SCHIP & Medicaid. Provides for healthy saving tax credits for purchase of health insurance.	Referred to Energy & Commerce Committee 5/3/07. (H)
	1364	Healthy Kids Act of 2007	Durbin (D-IL)	Reauthorizes the SCHIP Program; requires E&PSDT services; establishes Commission on Children's Health Services.	Referred to Finance Committee 5/10/07. (S)
	1224	Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization Act of 2007	Rockefeller (D-WV) Snowe (R-ME) Kennedy (D-MA)	Revises requirements for annual State allotments; requires dental and mental health coverage.	Referred to Finance Committee 4/25/07. (S)
1621		Community Choice Act of 2007	Davis (D-IL)	Requires State to provide equal access to community-based attendant services and supports in lieu of institutional care. Same as S. 799.	Referred to Energy & Commerce Committee 3/21/07. (H)
	799	Community Choice Act of 2007	Harkin (D-IA) Specter (R-PA)	Would help correct the institutional bias in Medicaid by requiring States to provide personal care attendant services and supports. (previously known as MICASSA)	Referred to Finance Committee 3/7/07. (S)
PREVENTION					
256		Child Gun Safety & Gun Access Prevention Act of 2007	Jackson-Lee (D-TX)	To prevent children's access to firearms.	Referred to Comm. on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security 2/2/07. (H)
2052		Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Act of 2007	Rep. Lowey (D-NY)	Requires Dept. of Health & Human Services, CDC, HRSA, NICHD, MCH, ACF to develop national Shaken Baby Syndrome public health education campaign.	Referred to Energy & Commerce Committee

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	1204	Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Act of 2007	Dodd (D-CT)	Same as H.R. 2052.	Referred to HELP Committee 4/25/07. (S)
	845	Keeping Seniors Safe From Falls Act of 2007	Enzi (R-WY) Mikulski (D-MD)	Provides funds for public awareness campaign to reduce falls among the elderly and for research to improve diagnosis, treatment rehabilitation and improved data collection to identify fall risk and protective factors.	HELP Reported Favorably Committee with Amend 3/15/07. (S)
477		Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention Act	Capps (D-CA) Pickering (R-MS) 86 Co-sponsors	Provides funding for grants to States to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis and rehabilitation and grants for training to EMS/health care professionals/residents to improve stroke and traumatic injury prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.	Passed House 3/27/07. Referred to HELP Com. 3/28/07. (S)
Veterans and Soldiers					
67		Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2007	Mcintyre (D-NC)	Establishes a \$25 million grant program to State veterans agencies to help veterans with accessing benefits. Passed House 5/23/07.	Referred to Veterans' Affairs Committee 5/24/07. (S)
612		Returning Servicemember VA Health-care Insurance Act of 2007	Filner (D-CA)	Extends from 2 to 5 years the time veterans can receive free healthcare. Passed House 5/23/07. Same as S. 383 (Sen. Akaka).	Referred to Veterans' Affairs Comm. 5/24/07. (S)
1944		Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation Act of 2007	Altmire (D-PA)	Provides for screening, long-term care; transition office at each VA polytrauma network site to coordinate services; and establishes a TBI Veterans' Health Registry.	Referred to Veterans' Affairs Com. 4/19/07. (H)
1268		Dignity for Wounded Warriors Act	Mitchell (D-AZ) 15 co-sponsors	Requires inspections to ensure adequate outpatient residential facilities; reduction in paperwork and improvement in Physical Disability Evaluation System; improved training of case managers on PTSD.	Referred to Armed Services Committee 3/1/07. (H)

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	713	Dignity for Wounded Warriors Act	Obama (D-IL) 29 co-sponsors	Same as H.R. 1268.	Referred to Armed Services Committee 2/28/07. (S)
1354		Lane Evans Veterans Health and Benefits Improvement Act of 2007	Moran (D-VA) 44 co-sponsors	To improve health, counseling and related benefits. Requires medical and mental examination 30 days after the date of return from war, requires VA to report number of inpatient and outpatient stays and costs related to TBI, as well as mental health PTSD and amputations.	Referred to Subcomm. on Military Personnel 4/3/07 (H).
	117	Lane Evans Veterans Health and Benefits Improvement Act of 2007	Obama (D-IL) 7 co-sponsors	Same as S. 1354 Provisions of the bill were incorporated into S. 1233 voted by the S. Veterans' Affairs Committee 6/27/07.	Referred to Veterans Affairs Committee 1/4/07. (S)
1538		Wounded Warriors Assistance Act	Skelton (D-MO)	Case manager assigned to veterans in outpatient status, creates hot-line number to report medical deficiencies, training programs for case managers; assure TBI has proper medical diagnosis. Provisions incorporated into H.R. 1585.	Passed House. Referred to Armed Forces Com. 3/29/07. (S)
1541		Coming Together for National Guard & Reserve Families	Braley (D-IA)	Directs Dept. of Defense to establish family support groups, information primarily on mental health; research on effects of deployed or injured members on children.	Referred to Subcom. Military Personnel 4/3/07. (H)
	902	Coming Together for National Guard & Reserve Families	Harkin (D-IA)	Same as above.	Referred to Armed Services Committee 3/15/07. (S)
	986	The Combat-Related Special Compensation Act	Reid (D-NV)	To ensure veterans who suffer from combat-related injuries receive pro-rate military retirement pay and disability compensation.	Armed Services Com. 3/26/07. (S)
2048		Traumatic Brain Injury Access to Options Act	Donnelly (D-IN) Pascrell (D-NJ)	Ensures active duty members who incur a TBI be retained to provide recurring medical evaluations; allows private rehab hospitals to provide assessment and care. Same as S. 1113.	Referred to Armed Forces Committee 4/26/07. (H)

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	1113	Traumatic Brain Injury Access to Options Act	Bayh (D-IN)	Ensures active duty members who incur a TBI be retained to provide recurring medical evaluations; allows private rehab hospitals to provide assessment and care.	Referred to Armed Serv. Com. 4/16/07. (S)
	1044	Effective Care for the Armed Forces and Veterans Act of 2007	Biden (D-DE)	To improve the medical care; screen for TBI; study advisability of TBI as a presumptive condition for disability compensation.	Referred to Armed Services Com. 3/29/07. (S)
	1065	Heroes at Home Act of 2007	Clinton (D-NY)	Expand telehealth for TBI diagnosis & treatment; screening pre/post deployment; family members trained by BIAA as care-givers; families reimbursed for caregiving.	Referred to Armed Services Com. 3/29/07. (S)
2179		Traumatic Brain Injury Centers	Walz (D-MN)	Establishes TBI VA centers to conduct research, training, and model systems of care.	Referred to Veterans' Affairs Com. 5/3/07. (H)
	1196	Mental Health Care for Our Wounded Warriors Act	Lieberman (I-CT) Boxer (D-CA) Kennedy (D-MA)	Establishes at least 2 centers of excellence in military mental health; DoD to develop long-term plan for prevention, identification & treatment of combat-related mental health conditions and TBI. (Same as H.R. 2612.)	Referred to Armed Services Committee 4/24/07. (S)
	1233	Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation Act of 2007	Akaka (D-HI)	Allows VA to contract with private providers; allows VA to collaborate with TBI model systems (NIDRR) on research; incorporates Lane Evans Veterans Bill; establishes pilot program for minimally responsive patients.	Passed with amendments Veterans' Affairs Com. 6/27/07 (S.)
	1271	Homecoming Enhancement Research & Oversight (HERO) Act	Obama (D-IL) McCaskill (D-MO)	Research on physical, mental health & other readjustment needs, including effects of TBI.	Referred to Armed Services Committee 5/2/07. (S)
	1349	Military and Veterans TBI Treatment Act	Durbin (D-IL)	Establish protocols for detection and diagnosis of TBI and use of computer-based examinations; DoD/VA to conduct outreach; VA to assign case managers; agreements with private/public medical centers.	Referred to Armed Services Committee 5/9/07. (S)

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2199		Traumatic Brain Injury Health Enhancement and Long-Term Support Act	Michaud (D-ME)	Authorizes up to 5 new research centers; establishes TBI long-term care program at VA polytrauma care centers. Passed the House.	Referred to Veterans' Affairs Com. 5/24/07. (S)
2201		Caring for Veterans with TBI Act of 2007	McNerney (D-CA) Boozman (R-AR)	Directs VA to establish the Committee on Care of Veterans with TBI to assess the capability of VA to meet the needs of TBI.	Referred to Veterans' Affairs Com. 5/8/07. (H)
2239		Early Access to Vocational Rehabilitation Employment Benefits Act	Boozman (R-AR)	Extends vocational rehabilitation services provided by the VA to service members not yet discharged, but expect to be due to their disabilities.	Passed House 5/23. Referred to Veterans Affairs Com. 5/24/07. (S)
	1363	Bridging the Gap for Wounded Warriors Act	Clinton (D-NY)	Directs VA & DoD to establish transition offices jointly to assist with transitioning from military to civilian life. Share best practices on treatment of injuries.	Referred to Armed Services Committee (S).

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