

**NASHIA TAC Legislative Tracking Grid**

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110th Congress -- 2007-2008

H.R. #	S. #	Title	Sponsors	Comments	Status
*HELP = Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee					
<b>BRAIN INJURY</b>					
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. Hearing tentatively scheduled 3/06/08.	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. Extends appropriations through FY 2012.	<b>President signed 4/28/08. P.L.110-206</b>
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 2007 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)
<b>BUDGET</b>					
2642		Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008	Edwards (D-TX)	Provides \$162 billion to fund wars in Iraq & Afghanistan; increases veterans education benefits; blocks 6 of the 7 Medicaid regulations, did not include reimbursement for outpatient hospital services regulation.	<b>President signed 6/30/08. P.L.110-252</b>
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.	<b>President signed 5/25/2007. P.L. 110-28</b>
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.	Vetoed by Pres. 12/28/07.
4986		National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2008	Skelton (D-MO) Duncan (R-CA)	Authorizes appropriations for FY 2008. Includes TBI related issues.	<b>Signed by Pres. Bush 1/28/2008. P.L. 110-181.</b>
<b>DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE</b>					
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 H. Energy & Commerce Com. 3/1/07.

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<b>DISABILITY RIGHTS AND ASSISTANCE</b>					
3195		<b>ADA (Americans with Disability) Restoration Act of 2007</b>	Hoyer (D-MD) 244 co-sponsors	Redefines disability; prohibits employment discrimination on basis of disability. Referred to several committees: Education/Labor; Judiciary; Transportation, Energy & Commerce.	Passed House 6/25/08. Senate
	1881	<b>ADA Restoration Act of 2007</b>	Harkin (D-IA)	Similar to H.R. 3195.	Referred to HELP Committee 11/15/07. (S)
2839		<b>Amends Developmental Disabilities Rights Act of 2000</b>	Frank (D-MA)	Amends DD Act to require P&As to give notice to and obtain authorization from individual or legal representative before pursuing remedies on his/her behalf.	Referred to Subcom. on Health 6/22/07. (H)
	211	<b>Calling for 2-1-1 Act of 2007</b>	Clinton (D-NY)	Facilitates nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone services for I&R for human services.	Referred to HELP Com. 1/09/07. (S)
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
526		<b>Full Funding for IDEA Now Act</b>	Larson (D-CT) 51 co-sponsors	To provide full funding for assistance for education of all children with disabilities.	Referred to Education & Labor Committee 1/17/07.(H)
648		<b>No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007</b>	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)
<b>HEALTH CARE</b>					
	60	<b>Wakefield Act</b>	Inouye (D-HI)	Reauthorizes Emergency Medical Services for Children Program	Referred to HELP Com. 1/4/07. (S)
2464		<b>Wakefield Act</b>	Matheson (D-UT)	Reauthorizes Emergency Medical Services for Children Program	Passed House 4/8/08. Referred to HELP Com. 4/89/08. (S)

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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. <b>P.L. 110-23</b>
	657	Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act of 2007	Reed (D-RI) Kennedy (D-MA)	Reauthorizes Trauma Care Act.	Introduced 2/16/07.
	1200	Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2007	Dorgan (D-ND) Boxer (D-CA), et. al	S. approved amendment that provides a 1-year moratorium on case management interim final rules issued by CMS (Medicaid).	Passed 2/26/2008 (S). H. Com.
<b>HEALTH CARE -- MENTAL HEALTH</b>					
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 Subcom. on Health 3/16/2007. (H)
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.	Passed House 3/5/08. Senate Legis. Calendar.
	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)
<b>HEALTHCARE -- MEDICAID</b>					
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 Com. 2/16/07. (H)

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	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).
3963		Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007	Dingell (D-MI)	Reauthorizes SCHIP. House failed to pass override.	<b>Vetoed by President 12/12/07.</b>
	2499	Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007	Baucus (D-MT)	Extends funding for SCHIP through March 2009. Increases Medicare reimbursement to physicians.	Signed by President 12/29/2007 <b>P.L.110-173</b>
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 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)

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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)
<b>HEALTHCARE -- MEDICARE</b>					
6331		Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008	Rangel (D-NY)	Prevents scheduled cut in physician payments to take place July 1, 2008. <b>P.L. 110-275.</b>	<b>President vetoed. Congress overturns 7/17/08.</b>
<b>HOUSING</b>					
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 Subcom. on Housing & Community Opport. 3/16/07. (H)
1851		Section 8 Voucher Reform Act (SEVR)	Waters (D-CA)	Reforms and streamlines housing voucher program; simplifies rules on housing quality inspections; and establishes funding formula. Passed House.	Referred to Comm. on Banking, Housing, 7/16/07. (S)
<b>PREVENTION</b>					
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)
1261		K.T. Act Safety Act of 2007	Schakowsky (D-IL)	Requires some new safety features, such as automatic reversal of power windows when obstructed; establishes a data base of deaths and injuries in nontraffic/noncrash motor-vehicle events to be administered by NHTSA.	<b>President signed 2/28/08. P.L. 110-89.</b>

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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 4/26/07. (H)
	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. Passed Congress, is not <b>P.L. 110-202</b> .	<b>Signed by President 4/23/08.</b> P.L. 110-202.
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)
<b>VETERANS/MILITARY</b>					
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	Referred to Armed Services

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				Disability Evaluation System; improved training of case managers on PTSD.	Committee 3/1/07. (H)
	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 out-patient 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 (vetoed) a& <b>H.R. 4986,passed.</b>	Passed Senate 7/25/07. Incorporated in H.R. 4986, Pres. signed.
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 Veterans Affairs Subcommit. 4/15/07. (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 TBI be retained for recurring medical evaluations; allows private rehab hospitals to provide assessment and care. Same as S.1113.	Referred to Armed Forces Com 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 caregivers; families reimbursed for caregiving.	Referred to Armed Services Com. 3/29/07. (S)
3051		Heroes at Home Act of 2007	Salazar (D-CO)	Similar to S. 1065, to improve diagnosis and treatment of TBI; expand telehealth programs of DoD and VA.	Referred to Subcom. on Military Personnel 8/14/07.
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. Provisions amended into H.R. 4986. President signed 1/28/08. <b>P.L. 110-181.</b>	<b>President signed</b> H.R. 4986, 1/28/08. Included H.R. 1233 provisions.
	2921	Caring for Wounded Warriors Act of 2008	Clinton (D-NY)	Creates pilot programs on training & certification for family caregiver personal care attendants for veterans/military.; and pilot respite care program.	Referred to Veterans Affairs Com. 4/28/08. (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

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	1349	<b>Military and Veterans TBI Treatment Act</b>	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)
2199		<b>Traumatic Brain Injury Health Enhancement and Long-Term Support Act</b>	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		<b>Caring for Veterans with TBI Act of 2007</b>	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		<b>Early Access to Vocational Rehabilitation Employment Benefits Act</b>	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	<b>Bridging the Gap for Wounded Warriors Act</b>	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 5/10/07. (S)
<b>VOCATIONAL/EMPLOYMENT</b>					
3747		<b>Workforce Investment Improvement Act of 2007</b>	McKeon (R-CA)	Strengthens one-stop centers; integrates employment training programs to avoid duplication; reauthorizes Vocational Rehab Act.	Referred to Ed./Labor Subcom. On Workforce Protection 10/23/07. (H)

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