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The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	H.R. 3590	12/24/2009	H.R. 3590, entitled the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, is the Senate vehicle for health care reform legislation. It was passed in the Senate on December 24, 2009 with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Yea-Nay Vote. 60 - 39.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full text of the legislation: http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/thomas Summary of legislation: http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h3590/show
Affordable Health Care for America Act	H.R. 3962	11/7/2009	H.R. 3962, entitled the Affordable Health Care for America Act, was passed in the U.S. House of Representatives on November 7, 2009 as a proposal for health care reform. It aims to "provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, and for other purposes."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full text of legislation: http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c111:H.R.3962: Summary of legislation: http://www.kff.org/healthreform/upload/house_bill_final.pdf or http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h3962/show
Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009	Public Law 111-3 (related bills: H.R. 52, H.R. 107, S. 275)	2/3/2009	The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) reauthorizes the CHIP program through FY2013 and makes funding determinations for the CHIP programs in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The reauthorization also requires CHIP programs to comply with parity provisions in the 2008 Wellstone-Domenici Mental Health Parity and Substance Use Equity Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full text of legislation: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_public_laws&docid=f:publ003.111.pdf Summary of legislation: http://www.kff.org/medicaid/7863.cfm
Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008	H.R. 6331	7/15/2008	The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 amends "titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full text of legislation: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110_cong_public_laws&docid=f:publ275.110 Summary of legislation:

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			access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes." Pertinent to mental health, Title I, Subtitle A, Part 1 specifies dates for the gradual elimination, by 2014, of differential copayment rates for outpatient Medicare psychiatric services. This section is not applicable to substance use services.	http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?counter=3200
Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA)	H.R. 1424	1/3/2008	<p>Contained within the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, Title V, Subtitle B, is the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. This act builds on the Mental Health Parity Act of 1996 and now requires private group health plans of 51 or more employees to cover mental health and substance use disorders at the same levels as medical and surgery benefits, if the plan offers mental health and substance use benefits.</p> <p>On January 29, the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Labor (DOL), and the Treasury jointly issued interim-final rules governing the implementation of the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA). The</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full text of legislation: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110_cong_bills&docid=f:h1424enr.txt.pdf • Summary of legislation: http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:HR01424:@@D&summ2=m& • Interim Final Rule (IFR) governing MHPAEA: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-2167.pdf • National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare Factsheet detailing IFR: http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/galleries/policy-file/01-29-2010%20MHP%20CMS%20fact%20sheet%20FINAL.pdf

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			new rules are still open to comment until May 3 and take effect for plan years beginning on or after July 1, 2010.	
Mental Health Parity Act of 1996	Public Law 104-204	9/26/1996	Title VII of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997 is entitled the "Mental Health Parity Act of 1996." This act amends ERISA to establish parity between mental health benefits and medical/surgical benefits for employers that choose to offer both.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full text of the legislation: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=104_cong_public_laws&docid=f:publ204.104.pdf • Summary of legislation: http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/ManagedCare/Parity/Summary.asp • Consumer questions and answers on the Mental Health Parity Act: http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/ManagedCare/Parity/Consumer.asp • Employer questions and answers on the Mental Health Parity Act: http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/ManagedCare/Parity/Employer.asp • Interim Rules HIPPA Mental Health Parity Act; Proposed Rule: http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/ManagedCare/Parity/PRTYREG.asp