

# Legislative Update

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# Healthcare Reform

- Health IT a bi-partisan issue
- Health IT leveraged to improve the quality, cost and access to healthcare
- Building upon ARRA
- H.R. 3962, the Affordable Health Care for America Act
- H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act

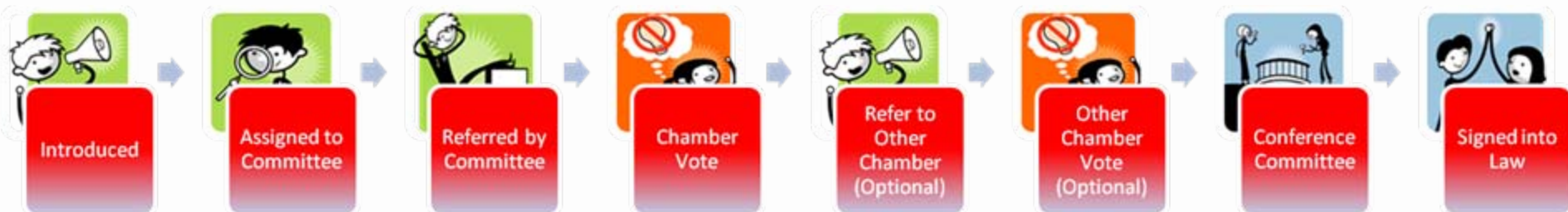
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- Legislation would:
  - Establish a public health insurance option and a health insurance exchange
  - Establish many provisions that aim to leverage health IT to improve the efficiency of healthcare
- Health IT related provisions address such issues as administrative simplification, telehealth, Medicare reimbursement, care coordination, education and training, and a new Bureau of Health Information

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- H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act (*substitute amendment, constitutional requirement money bills start in the House*)
- Legislation would:
  - Establish a public health insurance option (which states can opt out of) and health insurance exchanges
  - Establish many provisions that aim to leverage health IT to improve the efficiency of healthcare
- Health IT related provisions address such issues as administrative simplification, health IT enrollment standards, long-term care, education and training, and care coordination

# What's Next?



- House passed H.R. 3962 on November 7, 2009
- Senate considering H.R. 3590
- Timeframe unknown

# Additional Health IT Legislation

- Building upon the ARRA (i.e.: draft PHR legislation)
  - Personal Health Information Act of 2009 (Draft)
  - Small Business Health IT Financing Act of 2009 (H.R. 3014 and S. 2765)
- Passage of the FY2010 Omnibus Spending Bill

# Questions/Discussion