

Side-by-Side Comparison of Energy and Commerce Majority Health Information Technology Legislation and the Democratic Substitute	Democratic Substitute	H.R. 4157, as reported by the Subcommittee on Health
FUNDING		
Provides grants for providers to adopt IT	Yes.	No.
Provides financial assistance to establish regional health IT networks	Yes.	No.
Provides low-interest loans that leverage private dollars to help providers acquire health IT systems	Yes.	No.
PRIVACY		
Requires patient consent before personal health information can be shared electronically	Yes.	No.
Requires <i>all</i> individuals and entities possessing personal health information to comply with privacy protections	Yes.	No.
Requires notification of patients when personal information is breached	Yes.	No.
Allows patients to get redress when privacy is breached	Yes.	No.
Requires safeguards, such as data encryption, to protect personal medical information from breach	Yes.	No.
FRAUD AND ABUSE		
Maintains current law and protects Medicare and Medicaid from new avenues for fraud and abuse by keeping in place current protections against kickbacks and self-referral	Yes.	No.
Maintains current law and protects patients from potential improper treatment incentives by maintaining current anti-fraud and abuse protections	Yes.	No.
STANDARDS FOR HEALTH IT		
Requires the Federal Government to have a certification process for determining on a voluntary basis whether technologies meet health information standards	Yes.	No.
Requires the Federal Government to lead the way for broad-scale adoption of IT by using the consensus health IT standards for new purchases of HIT its own healthcare programs	Yes.	No.