

Current Law

- October 1, 2008 Senate Passes H.R. 1424, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act -
Vote: 74 to 25
- October 3, 2008 the House Passes H.R. 1424
- Vote: 263 to 171
- H.R. 1424 Included the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008



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Who Does The New Law Apply To

- Group Health Plans and Health Insurers That Provide Coverage to Group Health Plans (employers with over 50 employees)
- Medicaid Managed Care Plans
- State Children's Health Insurance Program
- Non-Federal Governmental Plans
- Federal Employees Health Benefits Plans



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Summary of the Law

- Benefits Covered
 - Mental Health Conditions
 - Substance Use Disorders
- Parity Requirement
 - Financial Requirements
 - Treatment Limitations



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Summary of the Law Continued

- Out-of-Network Benefits
- Management
- Transparency
- Small Employer Exemption
- Cost Exemption
- Compliance Report
- GAO Study
- Consumer Assistance
- State Laws
- Effective Date
- Enforcement/Regulations



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