



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 18, 2009

H.R. 479 **Wakefield Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on March 4, 2009*

H.R. 479 would amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide grants to states and medical schools for several activities intended to reduce child morbidity and mortality by improving emergency medical services for children.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million for 2010 and \$138 million over the 2010-2014 period for those purposes. Based on historical patterns of spending for similar activities, CBO estimate that implementing H.R. 479 would cost \$4 million in 2010 and \$96 million over the 2010-2014 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts. Enacting H.R. 479 would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 479 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 479 is shown in the following table. The costs of the legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2010- 2014
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	25	26	28	29	30	138
Estimated Outlays	4	15	23	27	28	96

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