

**Summary of Changes to HR 4157**  
**Made by Chairman's Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute**  
**Markup of the "Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2006"**

<i>Section</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Explanation of Change</i>
4	16	Ties the study of the health information laws and standards to the development of a nationwide interoperable health information technology infrastructure consistent with section 2(a) of the bill.
4	19	Requires the Secretary to report back to Congress within 18 months with recommendations on the extent to which federal standards should be changed and the extent to which state laws should be conformed to provide greater commonality in order to better protect or strengthen the security and confidentiality when exchanging health information.
4	19	Allows the Secretary, based on the recommendations of the study, to modify current Federal security and confidentiality standards to the extent the Secretary determines it necessary to provide greater commonality in order to better protect or strengthen the security and confidentiality when exchanging health information.
4	19	If the Secretary modifies Federal security and confidentiality standards, the modifications will supersede State law.
5	22	Requires the Secretary to publish a notice in the Federal Register for the replacement of standards as outlined under section 5.
5	23	Requires the Secretary to update the National Council Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Telecommunications standards to the latest version approved and reviewed by the National Committee on Vital Health Statistics (NCVHS) as of April 1, 2009.

- 6      33      Requires the NCVHS to submit to the Secretary its recommendations to adopt (or not adopt) the proposed addition or modification no later than 120 days after the date of receipt of the proposal.
- 9      40      Requires the Secretary to study the feasibility, advisability, and the cost of expanding coverage of telehealth services to home health agencies, county mental health clinics or publicly funded mental health facilities.