



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 903
Dental Emergency Responder Act of 2010

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on July 28, 2010

H.R. 903 would amend responsibilities of federal agencies that are tasked with developing and implementing the National Health Security Strategy under the Public Health Service Act and the National Response Plan under the Homeland Security Act of 2002. The bill would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to include, under the preparedness goals of the National Health Security Strategy, dental health facilities as entities to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies. The bill also would include dental personnel within the definition of emergency response provider and require federal agencies with responsibilities under the National Response Plan to address the preparedness and deployment of dental resources.

Based on the cost of similar requirements, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 903 would have a negligible impact on federal spending over the next five years; any additional spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 903 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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