

Eshoo Amendment 001, Health Technology for the Aging Population

The amendment would require the Secretary of HHS to study the potential use of existing and emerging technology to assist seniors, individuals with disabilities, and their caregivers. In the next decade, 76 million baby boomers will reach retirement age and the study aims to reduce cost and improve the quality of care for the aging population.

The study will look at:

- Methods for identifying current and emerging technologies
- Methods for fostering scientific innovation in this area
- Developments in aging services technology in other countries and how that could be used in the U.S.
- Barriers to innovation in this area

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6357
OFFERED BY MS. ESHOO OF CALIFORNIA

Add at the end of section 113 the following new sub-
section:

1 (c) AGING SERVICES TECHNOLOGY STUDY AND RE-
2 PORT.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services shall carry out, or contract with a
5 private entity to carry out, a study of matters relat-
6 ing to the potential use of new aging services tech-
7 nology to assist seniors, individuals with disabilities,
8 and their caregivers throughout the aging process.

9 (2) MATTERS TO BE STUDIED.—The study
10 under paragraph (1) shall include—

11 (A) an evaluation of—

12 (i) methods for identifying current,
13 emerging, and future health technology
14 that can be used to meet the needs of sen-
15 iors and individuals with disabilities and
16 their caregivers across all aging services
17 settings, as specified by the Secretary;

18 (ii) methods for fostering scientific in-
19 novation with respect to aging services

1 technology within the business and aca-
2 demic communities; and

3 (iii) developments in aging services
4 technology in other countries that may be
5 applied in the United States; and

6 (B) identification of—

7 (i) barriers to innovation in aging
8 services technology and devising strategies
9 for removing such barriers; and

10 (ii) barriers to the adoption of aging
11 services technology by health care pro-
12 viders and consumers and devising strate-
13 gies to removing such barriers.

14 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 24 months after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
16 shall submit to the Committee on Health, Edu-
17 cation, Labor, and Pensions and the Committee on
18 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
19 ate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce
20 and the Committee on Science and Technology of
21 the House of Representatives a report on the study
22 carried out under paragraph (1).

23 (4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
24 section:

1 (A) AGING SERVICES TECHNOLOGY.—The
2 term “aging services technology” means health
3 technology that meets the health care needs of
4 seniors, individuals with disabilities, and the
5 caregivers of such seniors and individuals.

6 (B) SENIOR.—The term “senior” has such
7 meaning as specified by the Secretary.

