

## HR 4822

Medicare Beneficiary Freedom to Contract Act of 2004

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jul 13, 2004

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 19, 2004)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Crane, Philip M. [R-IL-8]	R · IL		Jul 13, 2004
Rep. Norwood, Charles W. [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Jul 13, 2004
Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		Jul 15, 2004

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 13, 2004
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 19, 2004

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jul 13, 2004)

Medicare Beneficiary Freedom To Contract Act of 2004 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act regarding the use of private contracts by Medicare beneficiaries for professional services. Outlines specific requirements for private contracts between Medicare beneficiaries and physicians or health care practitioners for services for which no Medicare claims may be submitted.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 19, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 13, 2004:** Introduced in House
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