

## HR 4349

Patient Safety Act of 2005

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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(Dec 2, 2005)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25]	D · TX		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. Jefferson, William J. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2005
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Nov 18, 2005
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Nov 18, 2005
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Dec 6, 2005
Rep. Harman, Jane [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Mar 14, 2006

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 2, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 16, 2005

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Nov 16, 2005)

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Patient Safety Act of 2005 - Requires any provider under the Medicare program (title XVIII of the Social Security Act ), as a condition of continued participation in such program, to make publicly available information regarding nurse staffing and patient outcomes as specified by the Secretary.

Requires the public availability of data regarding complaints filed with the state agency, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, or an accrediting agency, compliance with the standards of which have been deemed to demonstrate Medicare participation compliance, and data regarding investigations and findings as a result of those complaints and the findings of scheduled inspection visits.

Requires the Secretary to provide for the auditing of such information for accuracy as a part of the process of determining whether a provider is eligible for continued participation in the Medicare program.

Amends SSA title XVIII and XIX (Medicaid) to provide for public disclosure of accurate data on nursing facility staffing.

Creates a staffing quality measure for consumers to compare nursing facilities.

Prohibits adverse employment actions by Medicare providers against their employees for notifying the provider, or any federal or state agency or accreditation agency, of conditions which are dangerous or potentially dangerous to patients.

### Actions Timeline

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