

HR 709

Medicare Beneficiary Freedom To Contract Act of 2005

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.  
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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		Feb 9, 2005
Rep. Norwood, Charles W. [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Feb 9, 2005
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 21, 2005
Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Jul 11, 2005
Rep. Hastings, Doc [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jul 14, 2005
Rep. Hayworth, J. D. [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Apr 27, 2006
Rep. Sekula Gibbs, Shelley [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Dec 5, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Medicare Beneficiary Freedom To Contract Act of 2005 - 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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