

HR 4736

To amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal limiting charges under the Medicare Program for non-participating physicians and to preempt State laws that prohibit balance billing.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Dec 20, 2007)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2007
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 20, 2007
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 17, 2007)

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to repeal the limitation on actual charges to a beneficiary under Medicare for services by a nonparticipating physician or nonparticipating supplier or other person who does not accept payment on an assignment-related basis for a physician's service.

Prohibits a state from imposing a limit on the amount of charges, in relation to recognized payment amounts under any health plan or otherwise, a physician may impose for services furnished. Preempts any such limit.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 20, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Dec 20, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 17, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 17, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Dec 17, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.