

## HR 5704

### Medicare Home Health Flexibility Act of 2008

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**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. (Apr 7, 2008)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]

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

## Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21]	R · FL		Apr 29, 2008
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC		May 21, 2008
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		May 21, 2008
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jun 9, 2008
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25]	D · TX		Aug 1, 2008
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Oct 2, 2008
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Oct 2, 2008

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 4, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2008

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Medicare Home Health Flexibility Act of 2008 - Permits a home health agency to determine the most appropriate skilled service to make the initial assessment visit for an individual who: (1) is eligible for home health services under title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act; but (2) does not require skilled nursing care as long as that skilled service is included as part of the plan of care for such services.

Permits an occupational therapist to make the initial assessment visit in such a case if occupational therapy is included in such plan in the initial physician referral in conjunction with physical therapy or speech language pathology services.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 7, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 4, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 3, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 3, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E492)
- **Apr 3, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.