

## HR 2937

### MRSA Infection Prevention and Patient Protection Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jun 19, 2009)

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## Sponsor

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Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jun 18, 2009
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Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jun 24, 2009
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Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Feb 4, 2010
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 19, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 18, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1305	Identical bill	Jun 18, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MRSA Infection Prevention and Patient Protection Act - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to promulgate regulations relating to MRSA (methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*), including regulations that provide a list of best practices for preventing MRSA infections and such other antibiotic resistant pathogens as the Secretary determines appropriate.

Requires each acute care hospital to screen each patient entering an intensive care unit or other high-risk hospital department. Directs the Secretary to: (1) establish a process and a timetable for extending the screening requirements to patients admitted to all hospitals by January 1, 2014; and (2) report to Congress on whether payment adjustments should be made under Medicare to assist certain hospitals in defraying the cost of screening for, and the subsequent treatment of, MRSA or other infections.

Requires all hospitals to: (1) comply with specified MRSA best practices, including contact precautions and patient notification; and (2) report hospital-acquired MRSA and other infections that occur in the facility.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) establish systems for identifying infected transferred patients and for promptly informing any facility that has transferred an infected patient; and (2) publish the names of providers who fail to take steps to reduce the incidence of MRSA infections.

Permits a hospital to apply to the Secretary for a one-year increase in the amount of the capital-related costs payment made to the hospital under the prospective payment system to provide for the rapid implementation of MRSA screening programs and initiatives.

Requires the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to award a grant for a pilot program to develop a rapid, cost-effective method for testing for MRSA using a molecular testing method.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Jun 19, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 18, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 18, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Jun 18, 2009:** 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.
- **Jun 18, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means