

## HR 1700

### Medicare Patient Empowerment Act

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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. (May 6, 2011)

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Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Mar 5, 2012
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Mar 5, 2012
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Mar 20, 2012
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Rep. Sullivan, John [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Apr 16, 2012
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Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Aug 2, 2012
Rep. Mulvaney, Mick [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Aug 2, 2012

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Oct 9, 2012

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 6, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 5, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1042	Identical bill	May 23, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

### Summary (as of May 3, 2011)

Medicare Patient Empowerment Act - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to allow any Medicare beneficiary to enter into a contract with a non-participating (as well as with a participating) physician or practitioner for any item or service covered by Medicare. Allows such beneficiaries to submit a claim for Medicare payment in the amount that would otherwise apply if the claim had been filed by a participating physician or practitioner in the payment area where the physician or practitioner covered by the contract resides.

Requires a Medicare beneficiary to agree in writing in such a contract to: (1) pay the physician or practitioner for a Medicare-covered item or service; and (2) submit (in lieu of the physician or practitioner) a claim for Medicare payment. Allows a beneficiary, however, to negotiate, as a term of the contract, for the physician or practitioner to file such claims on the beneficiary's behalf.

Preempts state laws from limiting the amount of charges for physician and practitioner services for which Medicare payment is made.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 6, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 5, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 3, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **May 3, 2011:** 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.