

## HR 1310

Medicare Patient Empowerment Act of 2013

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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. (Apr 10, 2013)

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]

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

## Cosponsors (25 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bonner, Jo [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Mar 21, 2013
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Mar 21, 2013
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Mar 21, 2013
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Mar 21, 2013
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Mar 21, 2013
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Apr 9, 2013
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Apr 18, 2013
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Apr 18, 2013
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jun 13, 2013
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Jun 20, 2013
Rep. Southerland, Steve II [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Jun 27, 2013
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jul 8, 2013
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Jul 19, 2013
Rep. Mulvaney, Mick [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jul 23, 2013
Rep. Nunnelee, Alan [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Jul 23, 2013
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Jul 23, 2013
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Sep 12, 2013
Rep. Griffin, Tim [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Sep 26, 2013
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Nov 19, 2013
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Nov 20, 2013
Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Dec 2, 2013
Rep. Woodall, Rob [R-GA-7]	R · GA		Dec 5, 2013
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Mar 6, 2014
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Mar 11, 2014
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		May 20, 2014

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2013
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 10, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2300	Related bill	Jul 15, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
113 S 236	Related bill	Feb 7, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Medicare Patient Empowerment Act of 2013 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to allow any Medicare beneficiary to enter into a contract with an eligible professional 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 supplier in the payment area where the eligible professional 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 eligible professional 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**

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- **Apr 10, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 22, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 21, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 21, 2013:** 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.