

HR 1487

Improved Health Care at Lower Cost Act of 2013

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Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 12, 2013
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Improved Health Care at Lower Cost Act of 2013 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) and XI of the Social Security Act with respect to the prohibition against certain (potential financial conflict-of-interest) physician referrals.

Excepts from the physician self-referral prohibition any monetary incentive payments made by hospitals to physicians under certain incentive payment programs designed to align incentives among hospitals and physicians (through techniques such as product standardization, the substitution of lower cost products, and care coordination initiatives that encourage medically appropriate decreases in length of stay) to improve efficiency and decrease costs while maintaining or improving quality.

Exempts such monetary incentive payments (creates a safe harbor for them) from federal criminal antikickback and other sanctions.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 23, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 12, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 11, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 11, 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.