

## S 1151

### USPSTF Transparency and Accountability Act of 2015

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## Sponsor

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## Cosponsors (1 total)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 30, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1151	Related bill	Mar 27, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **USPSTF Transparency and Accountability Act of 2015**

This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to expand the scope and responsibilities of the United States Preventive Services Task Force to require it to: (1) publish research plans to guide its review of scientific evidence relating to the effectiveness of preventive services; (2) make evidence reports and recommendations available for public comment; (3) establish a system for grading preventive care (Grades A, B, C, and D and a Grade I for insufficient information); and (4) convene a preventive services stakeholders board to provide feedback on Task Force activities and recommend preventive services and scientific evidence for the Task Force to review. Members of the Task Force and the preventive services stakeholders board are considered federal employees for purposes of disclosure and management of conflicts of interest.

The Government Accountability Office must submit a report that: (1) lists current recommendations of the Task Force; (2) compares Task Force recommendations and recommendations of other federal health agencies, national medical professional societies, and patient and disease advocacy organizations; and (3) analyzes the impact of Task Force recommendations on public and private insurance coverage, access, and outcomes, including the impact on morbidity and mortality.

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to eliminate the authority of HHS to make no payment for a preventive service that has not been graded by the Task Force.

### **Actions Timeline**

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