

HR 1234

Medical Freedom Act of 2015

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Policy Area: Health

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Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		May 12, 2015
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		May 12, 2015
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		May 12, 2015
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		May 12, 2015
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		May 12, 2015
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		May 12, 2015
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		May 15, 2015
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		May 19, 2015
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jun 8, 2015
Rep. Brat, Dave [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Jun 12, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 29, 2015
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 4, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 13, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2650	Related bill	Jun 12, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Mar 4, 2015)

Medical Freedom Act of 2015

This bill repeals provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 relating to health insurance, health savings accounts, and health flexible spending accounts, including provisions prohibiting annual or lifetime limits on benefits, requiring preventive care without cost sharing, requiring dependent coverage until age 26, prohibiting preexisting condition exclusions, guaranteeing availability and renewability of coverage, and prohibiting payments for over-the-counter medications from health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements. Provisions of law amended by those provisions are restored as if PPACA and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 had not been enacted.

“Qualified health plan” is expanded to include any health plan. Currently, a health plan must provide essential health benefits and meet other requirements to be a qualified health plan. (Under PPACA, qualified health plans are sold on health insurance exchanges, are eligible for premium subsidies, and fulfill an individual’s requirement to maintain minimum essential coverage.)

A qualified health plan is allowed to provide coverage through any qualified direct primary care medical home plan. Currently, in such an arrangement, the qualified direct primary care medical home plan must coordinate its services with the qualified health plan and meet other requirements.

Dental plans no longer need to provide pediatric dental benefits to be offered on a health insurance exchange.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 29, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Mar 13, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and the Workforce, 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.