

## S 1878

Advancing Hope Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jul 28, 2015

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 114-229.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 114-229. (Sep 30, 2016)

**Law:** 114-229 (Enacted Sep 30, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1878>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Jul 28, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Sep 8, 2015
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Sep 24, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged From	Sep 27, 2016
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 5, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1537	Related bill	<b>Mar 27, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on September 22, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

### **Advancing Hope Act of 2016**

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise the priority review voucher program for rare pediatric disease medications. (A priority review voucher is a transferable voucher that entitles the holder to have a new drug or biological product application acted upon by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) within six months.) The program is restricted to treatments for serious diseases and is terminated at the end of 2016.

Beginning 90 days after enactment of the bill, a medication sponsor who intends to request a voucher for a rare pediatric disease medication must notify the FDA of that intent upon submission of the application for the medication.

The bill applies to applications submitted to the FDA before enactment of the bill that have not been approved. Applications submitted before October 7, 2012, are not eligible for a voucher.

A voucher may not be issued for a rare pediatric disease product if a voucher was already issued for the medication under another program.

(Sec. 3) The Government Accountability Office must study the effectiveness of awarding priority review vouchers as an incentive for the development of medications for rare pediatric diseases that would not otherwise have been developed.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 30, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Sep 30, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-229.
- **Sep 29, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Mr. Walden asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H5945-5946)
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H5945-5946)
- **Sep 27, 2016:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H5945-5946)
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6062-6064)
- **Sep 22, 2016:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Apr 5, 2016:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Alexander with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Apr 5, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 415.
- **Mar 9, 2016:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 28, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 28, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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