

## HR 2513

PACE Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jun 3, 2015)

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Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Sep 9, 2015
Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Oct 20, 2015
Rep. Ribble, Reid J. [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Oct 26, 2015
Rep. Bridenstine, Jim [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Dec 1, 2015
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Dec 1, 2015
Rep. Pompeo, Mike [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Dec 8, 2015
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Dec 15, 2015
Rep. Fleming, John [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Feb 25, 2016
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Apr 15, 2016
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		May 11, 2016
Rep. Graves, Tom [R-GA-14]	R · GA		May 17, 2016
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		May 17, 2016
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		May 19, 2016
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Jun 8, 2016
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Sep 12, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 22, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 3, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of May 21, 2015)

#### Promoting Access, Competition, and Equity Act of 2015 or the PACE Act of 2015

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to ease application criteria and procedures for physician-owned hospitals to expand their facilities. Under current law, expansion of physician-owned hospitals is subject to certain limitations, such as those regarding the extent and frequency of expansion and requiring community output. The bill suspends these limitations with respect to applications for expansion filed before October 1, 2019.

Following the end of this suspension period, hospitals with consistently high quality ratings are included among those hospitals that may apply to expand their facilities. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services may not alter the methodology for computing a hospital's quality rating before October 1, 2019.

With respect to hospitals under development as of March 23, 2010, the bill extends to May 1, 2015, the date by which a hospital may qualify for an exception to the ownership or investment prohibition on physician self-referrals.

The bill also: (1) exempts physician-owned hospitals from specified documentation and coding adjustments, and (2) extends reductions in certain inflationary increases associated with Medicare payments for inpatient hospital services.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jun 3, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 22, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 21, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.