

HR 3549

VA Billing Accountability Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Nov 17, 2015

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2052	Related bill	Sep 17, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to waive the requirement that a veteran make copayments for medications, hospital care, nursing home care, and medical services if:

- an error committed by the VA or a VA employee was the cause of delaying copayment notification to the veteran, and
- the veteran received such notification later than 120 days (18 months in the case of a non-VA facility) after the date on which the veteran received the care or services.

In requiring a veteran to make a copayment for care or services provided at a VA or a non-VA medical facility the VA shall notify the veteran not later than 120 days (18 months in the case of a non-VA facility) after the date on which the veteran received the care or services. If the VA does not provide notification by such date it may not collect the payment, including through a third-party entity, unless the veteran is provided with:

- information about applying for a waiver and establishing a payment plan with the VA, and
- opportunity to make a waiver or establish a payment plan.

The VA shall review and improve its copayment billing internal controls and notification procedures.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 17, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Sep 25, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 17, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.