

## HR 3849

Acupuncture for Heroes and Seniors Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Oct 28, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Nov 23, 2015)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Nov 2, 2015
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Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Mar 15, 2016
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Apr 12, 2016
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Apr 13, 2016
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Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Sep 12, 2016
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Sep 12, 2016
Rep. Grayson, Alan [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Sep 22, 2016
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Sep 26, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 23, 2015
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 30, 2015
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 6, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 28, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Oct 28, 2015)

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### Acupuncture for Heroes and Seniors Act of 2015

This bill provides access to qualified acupuncturist services for: (1) military members and their dependents under the TRICARE program, and (2) veterans enrolled in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system.

The VA shall carry out such program at in at least one VA facility in each Veterans Integrated Service Network in both urban and rural areas.

Qualifying acupuncturists may be appointed as commissioned officers in the: (1) Acupuncture Section of the Medical Service Corps of the Army, (2) Medical Service Corps of the Navy, and (3) Air Force (designated as biomedical science officers).

The VA shall establish the Advisory Committee on Acupuncturist Services.

Title XVIII of the Social Security Act is amended to provide Medicare coverage for acupuncturist services.

The Public Health Service Act is amended to make acupuncturists eligible for appointment as officers in the commissioned Regular Corps and the Ready Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 23, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Nov 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 30, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 28, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 28, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7266)
- **Oct 28, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, and Ways and Means, 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.
- **Oct 28, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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