

## HR 4059

### Medicare Choices Empowerment and Protection Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Nov 18, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Nov 20, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/4059>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Nov 18, 2015
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2015
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Nov 18, 2015
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Apr 19, 2016
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		May 11, 2016
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		May 11, 2016
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		May 11, 2016
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jun 13, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 20, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 18, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2297	Identical bill	Nov 18, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Medicare Choices Empowerment and Protection Act**

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to establish an Advance Directive Certification Program. Under the program, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) shall grant accreditation to advance directive vendors that meet specified accreditation criteria.

CMS shall establish procedures for an eligible beneficiary to register the adoption of a certified advance directive under the program. Beneficiary registration in the program shall be optional, but each eligible beneficiary who adopts and registers a certified advance directive shall receive a one-time incentive payment.

CMS shall provide for related education and outreach.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 20, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 18, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 18, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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.
- **Nov 18, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.