

HR 4299

Patient Opportunity Protection Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 18, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 18, 2015)

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This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from imposing additional conditions on excepted benefits, which are health benefits that are not subject to requirements applicable to group health plans or individual health insurance.

In the individual health insurance market, HHS may not condition the treatment of fixed indemnity insurance as an excepted benefit on the beneficiary satisfying the requirement for minimum essential coverage.

The amendments made by this bill are retroactively effective as if included in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Actions Timeline

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