

## HR 4589

### Excellence in Medicare Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 26, 2016)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Feb 25, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 26, 2016
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 23, 2016
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 23, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3291	Related bill	Sep 7, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
114 HR 4771	Related bill	Mar 22, 2016: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
114 HR 4275	Related bill	Dec 18, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Excellence in Medicare Act**

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid to disregard the application of certain percentage quality increases when calculating the maximum payment that may be made to a Medicare Advantage organization.

### *Medical Malpractice Reform Act of 2015*

The bill sets conditions for lawsuits arising from health care liability claims regarding health care goods or services or any medical product affecting interstate commerce. Additionally, the bill sets a statute of limitations of three years after the date of manifestation of injury or one-year after the claimant discovers the injury, with certain exceptions.

The bill revises other provisions related to health care lawsuits including: (1) limiting noneconomic damages, (2) mandating joint and several liability, (3) limiting attorney contingency fees, (4) limiting punitive damages, and (5) denying punitive damages in the case of products approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 26, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 23, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 23, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, 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.
- **Feb 23, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.