

## HR 6012

### BREATH Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Sep 13, 2016

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Sep 19, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/6012>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                       | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|
| Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7] | R · TN        |      | Dec 8, 2016 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred To | Sep 13, 2016 |
| Ways and Means Committee      | House   | Referred to | Sep 19, 2016 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action  |
|------------|--------------|--|
| 114 S 3195 | Related bill | Jul 13, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

### Summary (as of Sep 13, 2016)

## Beneficiary Respiratory Equipment Access and Transparency to Home Ventilator Care Act of 2016 or the BREATH Act of 2016

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to establish policies and standards for determining the appropriate use of certain ventilators under the Medicare program.

Subject to budget neutrality requirements, the bill: (1) increases the Medicare payment rate for such ventilators for 2017; and (2) for subsequent years, establishes a new base payment rate based on the percentage change, between 2015 and 2017, in the total number of beneficiaries receiving such ventilators under Medicare.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 19, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 13, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 13, 2016:** 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.