

## HR 6101

ACO Improvement Act of 2016

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 21, 2016
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 28, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **ACO Improvement Act of 2016**

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to allow an accountable care organization (ACO) to: (1) reduce or eliminate certain cost-sharing for primary care services provided within the ACO's network; (2) develop incentives to encourage patient engagement; (3) elect prospective assignment of Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries; and (4) if specified requirements are met, distribute internal cost savings.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) shall waive specified regulatory requirements for ACOs that have elected to share in both savings and losses under a "two-sided risk model."

In addition, the bill: (1) requires CMS to waive, with respect to certain ACOs, specified limitations regarding telehealth services; (2) allows certain ACOs to depart slightly from specified minimum enrollment requirements; (3) requires CMS to establish a demonstration project for allowing growth of certain prospective risk scores; (4) and allows CMS to make permanent certain ACO-related pilot programs that have been successful.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 28, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 21, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 21, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.