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Patient Access to Higher Quality Health Care Act of 2015

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Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Apr 14, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 20, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 2, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 13, 2015)

Patient Access to Higher Quality Health Care Act of 2015

Amends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) to repeal the prohibition against Medicare participation by physician-owned hospitals that do not have a provider agreement by August 1, 2010, which nonetheless allows their Medicare participation under a rural provider and hospital exception to a specified ownership or investment prohibition if they meet certain requirements.

Amends the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (HCERA) to repeal provisions: (1) postponing from August 1, 2010, to December 31, 2010, the date by which physician-owned hospitals must have a provider agreement in order to participate in Medicare under a rural provider and hospital exception to the physician-ownership or -investment prohibition if they also meet certain requirements addressing conflicts of interest, bona fide investments, patient safety issues, and expansion limitations; and (2) modifying the expansion limitation imposed on such a rural hospital

Restores related previous law amended or repealed by PPACA and HCERA as if PPACA or HCERA had not been enacted.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 20, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 13, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 13, 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.

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