

## HR 976

### Patient Access to Higher Quality Health Care Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**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. (Mar 2, 2015)

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## Sponsor

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**Cosponsors** (39 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2015
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Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2015
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 13, 2015
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2015
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Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2015
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2015
Rep. Pompeo, Mike [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Feb 13, 2015
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Feb 13, 2015
Rep. Salmon, Matt [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Feb 13, 2015
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Feb 13, 2015
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Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2015
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Feb 13, 2015
Rep. Young, Todd [R-IN-9]	R · IN		Feb 13, 2015
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Feb 17, 2015
Rep. Fleming, John [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Feb 26, 2015
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Mar 3, 2015
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Mar 3, 2015
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Mar 16, 2015
Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Mar 16, 2015
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Mar 16, 2015
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Mar 17, 2015
Rep. Stutzman, Marlin A. [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Mar 17, 2015
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Apr 14, 2015
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.