

## HR 1605

Physician Assistant Education Public Health Initiatives Act of 2017

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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. (Mar 24, 2017)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Sep 6, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Physician Assistant Education Public Health Initiatives Act of 2017**

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to include workforce development as a type of clinical practice improvement activity for purposes of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). (MIPS adjusts Medicare payments to providers based on performance measures related to quality, cost, utilization of electronic health records, and clinical practice improvement activities.)

The bill amends the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend through FY2022 support provided by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the development, operation, expansion, and improvement of primary care training programs.

HHS must award grants to nonprofit organizations to increase research on physician assistant education.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 24, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 17, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2017:** 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.