

## HR 1606

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Name:** Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]

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

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Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Mar 17, 2017
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Mar 17, 2017
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Mar 17, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Mar 17, 2017
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Apr 28, 2017
Rep. Bridenstine, Jim [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Apr 28, 2017
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Apr 28, 2017
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Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Apr 28, 2017
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Apr 28, 2017
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		May 16, 2017
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		May 16, 2017
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		May 16, 2017
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		May 17, 2017
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jun 6, 2017
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Jun 12, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jun 26, 2017
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jun 26, 2017
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jun 26, 2017
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Jun 27, 2017
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Jun 27, 2017
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Jun 27, 2017
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 27, 2017
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Jun 28, 2017
Rep. Graves, Tom [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Jul 6, 2017
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jul 6, 2017
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jul 10, 2017
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jul 13, 2017
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jul 13, 2017
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jul 17, 2017
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jul 17, 2017
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jul 18, 2017
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jul 18, 2017
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jul 19, 2017

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Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Russell, Steve [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Jul 26, 2017
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jul 26, 2017
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2017
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Jul 27, 2017
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Jul 27, 2017
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Aug 4, 2017
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Sep 7, 2017
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Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Sep 27, 2017
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Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Oct 19, 2017
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Oct 25, 2017
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Nov 15, 2017
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Nov 29, 2017
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Nov 29, 2017
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Dec 6, 2017
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Dec 18, 2017
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Dec 20, 2017
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Dec 21, 2017
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jan 10, 2018
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Jan 11, 2018
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jan 19, 2018
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Mar 1, 2018
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Mar 1, 2018
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Mar 19, 2018
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Apr 11, 2018
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Apr 11, 2018
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Apr 24, 2018

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Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Apr 24, 2018
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Apr 24, 2018
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Apr 24, 2018
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Apr 24, 2018
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Apr 24, 2018
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Apr 24, 2018
Rep. Walker, Mark [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Apr 24, 2018
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Apr 24, 2018
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Apr 25, 2018
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Apr 27, 2018
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		May 8, 2018
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		May 8, 2018
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jun 6, 2018
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jun 6, 2018
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jun 8, 2018
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 13, 2018
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Jun 25, 2018
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jun 27, 2018
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jul 11, 2018
Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Jul 11, 2018
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Nov 2, 2018
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Nov 2, 2018

### Committee Activity

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

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Dentist and Optometric Care Access Act or the DOC Access Act**

This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to prohibit group health plans and individual health insurance coverage from setting rates for items and services provided by a doctor of optometry, of dental surgery, or of dental medicine for which the plan or insurer does not pay a substantial amount.

An agreement between a plan or insurer and such a doctor: (1) may only be changed with the doctor's acknowledgement and acceptance, and (2) may last longer than two years only with the prior acceptance of the doctor for each term extension if the agreement is for limited scope dental or vision benefits.

Such a doctor must be allowed to participate in: (1) a plan or coverage without accepting terms for ancillary services or procedures, and (2) a provider network without participating in a specific limited scope dental or vision benefit plan.

Plans and insurers may not: (1) directly communicate with an enrolled individual in a manner that interferes with an existing doctor-patient relationship or a state or federal requirement, or (2) restrict such a doctor's choice of laboratories or suppliers.

The bill establishes a private right of action for a person adversely affected by a violation of this bill.

The bill is preempted by state laws regarding health insurers and dental or vision benefit plans.

## **Actions Timeline**

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