

HR 2307

Protecting Access to Lifesaving Screenings Act (PALS Act) of 2017

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 5, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 3, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires that any provision of law referring to current recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) with respect to breast cancer screening, mammography, and prevention be administered as if: (1) the provision referred to USPSTF recommendations last issued before 2009; and (2) those recommendations applied to any screening mammography modality, including any digital modality of such a procedure. (In 2009, the USPSTF updated its guidelines to recommend against routine screening mammography for women between 40 to 49 years of age and to recommend biennial, instead of annual, screening mammography for most women between 50 to 74 years of age.) This requirement shall also apply to the Veterans Health Administration's policy on mammography screening for veterans.

In addition, the bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to preserve Medicare coverage for screening mammography, without a requirement for coinsurance, and expand the definition of screening mammography to include any digital modality of such a procedure.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services may not decrease the frequency with which screening mammography may be paid by Medicare for a woman over 39 years of age.

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 5, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 3, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Veterans' Affairs, 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.
- **May 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.