

HR 3181

Medicare Choices Empowerment and Protection Act

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Sponsor

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

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| Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27] | R · NY | | Jul 11, 2017 |
| Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5] | D · CA | | Jul 11, 2017 |
| Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large] | D · VT | | Jul 11, 2017 |
| Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26] | R · FL | | Apr 18, 2018 |

Committee Activity

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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Jul 14, 2017 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Jul 20, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 S 1530 | Identical bill | Jul 11, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

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This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to establish an Advance Directive Certification Program. Under the program, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) shall grant accreditation to advance directive vendors that meet specified accreditation criteria.

CMS shall establish procedures for an eligible beneficiary to register the adoption of a certified advance directive under the program. Beneficiary registration in the program shall be optional, but each eligible beneficiary who adopts and registers a certified advance directive shall receive a one-time incentive payment.

CMS shall provide for related education and outreach.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 20, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 14, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 11, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 11, 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.