

## HR 3920

To establish a Medicare demonstration program on the use of third-party interest-free payment arrangements to reduce Medicare hospital part A bad debt claims.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Oct 3, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Oct 6, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3920>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Dec 20, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 6, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 3, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Oct 3, 2017)

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish a three-year demonstration program to determine the impact of third-party, interest-free payment arrangements on: (1) health outcomes, (2) patient engagement and satisfaction, and (3) claims for bad debt that are attributable to a hospital's inability to collect deductibles and coinsurance for Medicare hospital services. Under the program, the CMS shall provide a payment incentive to a hospital that participates in such a payment arrangement and demonstrates improvement in those three areas.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 6, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 3, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.