

HR 7217

IMPROVE Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Dec 6, 2018
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Dec 6, 2018
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Dec 6, 2018
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Dec 6, 2018
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Dec 10, 2018
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Dec 10, 2018
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Dec 10, 2018
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Dec 10, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 6, 2018
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 6, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 7223	Related bill	Dec 13, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 S 3702	Related bill	Dec 4, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Improving Medicaid Programs and Opportunities for Eligible Beneficiaries Act or the IMPROVE Act

This bill establishes a state Medicaid option to provide for medical assistance with respect to coordinated care provided through a health home (i.e., a designated provider or team of health-care professionals) for children with medically complex conditions. States must determine payment methodologies in accordance with specified requirements; payments also temporarily qualify for an enhanced federal matching rate.

The bill also makes a series of reductions relating to federal Medicaid expenditures. Among other changes, the bill reduces the federal matching rate for states that do not have required asset-verification programs for determining Medicaid eligibility.

Further, drug manufacturers with Medicaid rebate agreements for covered outpatient drugs must disclose drug product information. Manufacturers are subject to civil penalties for knowingly misclassifying drugs. Manufacturers are also required to compensate for rebates that were initially underpaid as a result of misclassification (whether or not such misclassification was committed knowingly).

Finally, the bill excludes specified wheelchairs and associated accessories from Medicare's competitive acquisition program (in which rates are set through a competitive bidding program rather than by an established fee schedule).

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 12, 2018:** Received in the Senate.
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Mr. Barton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10043-10052)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7217.
- **Dec 11, 2018:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H10083)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 400 - 11 (Roll no. 428).(text: H10043-10047)
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- **Dec 11, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 6, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 6, 2018:** 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.