

HR 2777

PALS Act

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Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		May 30, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jun 3, 2019
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Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Jul 12, 2019
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Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Dec 12, 2019
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Dec 19, 2019
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Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jan 7, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jan 9, 2020
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Jan 9, 2020
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jan 9, 2020
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jan 13, 2020
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Jan 13, 2020
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Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Jan 15, 2020

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Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Jan 15, 2020
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Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Oct 16, 2020
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Nov 12, 2020
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Nov 30, 2020
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Dec 2, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 16, 2019
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 11, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 15, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1936	Identical bill	Jun 20, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Protecting Access to Lifesaving Screenings Act of 2019 or the PALS Act

This bill makes a series of changes relating to health insurance coverage of screening mammography.

Specifically, the 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 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. This requirement shall also apply to the Veterans Health Administration's policy on mammography screening for veterans.

In addition, the bill preserves Medicare coverage for screening mammography, without a requirement for coinsurance, and expands the definition of screening mammography to include any digital modality of such a procedure. Further, 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.

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. In 2015, through the appropriations process, a three-year moratorium was placed on implementing the guidelines; the moratorium was subsequently renewed until January 1, 2020.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 11, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 16, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 15, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 15, 2019:** 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.