

HR 2874

Behavioral Health Coverage Transparency Act

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Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 12, 2019
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Aug 13, 2019
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Feb 12, 2020
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2020
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jun 25, 2020
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Jun 30, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 21, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 22, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 21, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1576	Identical bill	May 21, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Behavioral Health Coverage Transparency Act

This bill requires the Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Labor, and the Treasury to (1) cooperatively issue regulations to require group health plans and health insurance issuers to annually disclose the analyses performed to ensure compliance with mental health parity laws, and (2) conduct annual random audits of group health plans and health insurance issuers to determine compliance. (Mental health parity laws prohibit health insurance plans that cover mental health and substance use disorder services from imposing less favorable limitations on those benefits than are placed on medical and surgical benefits under that plan.)

Additionally, HHS must establish a consumer parity unit: (1) to facilitate the collection of, monitoring of, and response to consumer complaints; and (2) to provide consumers information about the disclosure requirements and enforcement of the mental health parity laws.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 30, 2020:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 22, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 21, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, 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.