

HR 3417

BETTER Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 574. (Dec 24, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Jun 21, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 24, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Reported By	Dec 24, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3430	Related bill	Jun 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 3406	Related bill	Jun 24, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 3408	Related bill	Jun 24, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 3415	Related bill	Jun 24, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 3421	Related bill	Jun 24, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 3425	Related bill	Jun 24, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 3029	Related bill	Jun 4, 2019: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
116 HR 3039	Related bill	Jun 4, 2019: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Beneficiary Education Tools, Telehealth, and Extenders Reauthorization Act of 2019 or the BETTER Act of 2019

This bill extends funding for, and makes a series of changes to, Medicare enrollment, payment, and prescription drug programs.

Among other things, the bill

- extends funding through FY2022 for state health insurance programs, area agencies on aging, aging and disability resource centers, technical assistance related to outreach and enrollment, and certain quality-measurement activities;
- provides statutory authority for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services transition program under the Medicare prescription drug benefit for limited-income, newly eligible individuals (i.e., individuals who are eligible for subsidies and have not yet enrolled in, or whose coverage has not yet taken effect under, a Medicare or Medicare Advantage prescription drug plan);
- revises payment rules for graduate medical education costs with respect to a hospital that establishes a new medical residency training program; and
- authorizes additional quality measures for the skilled nursing facility (SNF) value-based purchasing program, which provides incentive payments to SNFs based on their quality of care.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 24, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 116-691, Part I.
- **Dec 24, 2020:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Dec 24, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 574.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 41 - 0.
- **Jun 24, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 21, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 21, 2019:** 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.