

## HR 3439

### PATIENTS Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 24, 2019

**Current Status:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 579.

**Latest Action:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 579. (Dec 24, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3439>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 25, 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 3030	Related bill	<b>Jun 4, 2019:</b> Subcommittee Hearings Held.

### Summary (as of Dec 24, 2020)

#### Protecting Access To Information for Effective & Necessary Treatment and Services Act or the PATIENTS Act

This bill reauthorizes through FY2026 the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund, which supports research that evaluates and compares outcomes and the clinical effectiveness, risks, and benefits of two or more medical treatments, services, or other health practices. The bill also requires that research supported by the trust prioritize substance use disorders (including opioid use), mental health, and maternal health.

Additionally, the bill extends specified fees on private health insurance plans, including self-insured plans, which support the trust.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 24, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 116-696, Part I.
- **Dec 24, 2020:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Dec 24, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 579.
- **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: 26 - 15.
- **Jun 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 24, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 24, 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.