

## HR 4350

Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality and Access Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Sep 17, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Sep 18, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/4350>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]

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

### Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Oct 29, 2019
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Oct 29, 2019
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jan 14, 2020
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Jan 28, 2020
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Jan 28, 2020
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Jan 29, 2020
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Jan 29, 2020
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Feb 5, 2020
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Feb 6, 2020
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Feb 6, 2020
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Feb 6, 2020
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Feb 14, 2020
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Feb 14, 2020
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		May 1, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 18, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 17, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3085	Identical bill	<b>Dec 18, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

### Summary (as of Sep 17, 2019)

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#### Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality and Access Act of 2019

This bill establishes and modifies certain requirements relating to Medicare payments for ambulatory surgical center (ASC) services.

Specifically, the bill (1) requires the payment system for ASC services to feature certain positive annual adjustments equivalent to those made with respect to hospital outpatient department (OPD) services; (2) revises quality reporting requirements to permit publicly available, side-by-side comparisons of quality measures for ASCs and OPDs in the same geographic area; and (3) requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), when excluding requested procedures from the list of those approved to be performed in ASCs, to cite specified reasons for doing so.

With respect to excluding procedures from the approved list for ASCs, the CMS may not cite as a basis for exclusion that a procedure can only be reported using an unlisted surgical procedure code. (Physicians sometimes use unlisted codes when performing new procedures or services if no existing code is adequately descriptive.)

### Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 18, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 17, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 17, 2019:** 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.
- **Sep 17, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.