

HR 4675

Language Access for Medicare Beneficiaries Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Oct 15, 2019

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Oct 16, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

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| Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44] | D · CA | | Oct 15, 2019 |
| Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29] | D · CA | | Oct 15, 2019 |
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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Oct 16, 2019 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Oct 15, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 3 | Related bill | Sep 8, 2020: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 521. |

Summary (as of Oct 15, 2019)

Language Access for Medicare Beneficiaries Act of 2019

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to translate the annual explanation of Medicare benefits for enrollees into multiple languages, besides English and Spanish. The CMS must prioritize languages into which Social Security documents are translated or that are most frequently requested for purposes of Social Security benefits applications.

Actions Timeline

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