

## HR 4938

### Medicare Ambulance Access, Fraud Prevention, and Reform Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Oct 31, 2019

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Nov 1, 2019)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]

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

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 31, 2019

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 31, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Medicare Ambulance Access, Fraud Prevention, and Reform Act of 2019**

This bill establishes a series of requirements relating to coverage of ground ambulance services under Medicare.

Specifically, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must continue to designate an area as a rural or qualified rural area that is eligible for increased payment under Medicare, even if the area would otherwise no longer qualify for such designation, if the area has a specified population density. The CMS must also establish an administrative process to allow ambulance service providers to appeal a change in an area's designation.

The bill also requires the CMS to (1) expand to all states a prior authorization model for repetitive scheduled nonemergent ambulance transport, in accordance with specified limitations, if such an expansion has not already occurred by a certain date; (2) increase payment rates for ground ambulance services; and (3) eliminate certain administrative requirements for such services.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 1, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 31, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 31, 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.