

## HR 4945

Safeguarding Medicare Access to Respiratory Therapy Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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

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

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]

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

**Cosponsors** (59 total)

<b>Cosponsor</b>	<b>Party / State</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Oct 31, 2019
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Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 31, 2019
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Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Nov 8, 2019
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Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Nov 8, 2019
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Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Nov 12, 2019
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Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Nov 13, 2019
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Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Nov 15, 2019
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Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Nov 22, 2019
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Nov 22, 2019
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Dec 4, 2019
Rep. Brindisi, Anthony [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Dec 4, 2019
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Dec 5, 2019
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Dec 10, 2019
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Dec 13, 2019
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Dec 13, 2019
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Dec 13, 2019
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Dec 19, 2019
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Dec 19, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jan 7, 2020
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jan 8, 2020
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jan 13, 2020
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Jan 13, 2020
Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Jan 13, 2020
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jan 15, 2020

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Jan 28, 2020
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Feb 4, 2020
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Horn, Kendra S. [D-OK-5]	D · OK		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Feb 21, 2020
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Feb 21, 2020
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Feb 28, 2020
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Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Mar 9, 2020
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]	R · KS		May 1, 2020
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		May 1, 2020
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Jun 15, 2020
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Oct 23, 2020

## 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.*

## Summary (as of Oct 31, 2019)

### Safeguarding Medicare Access to Respiratory Therapy Act of 2019

This bill establishes certain requirements relating to Medicare coverage of ventilators.

Specifically, the bill (1) excludes ventilators and other covered respiratory items, as specified, from Medicare's competitive acquisition program (in which rates are set through a competitive bidding program rather than by an established fee schedule); and (2) requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to establish a technical expert panel to review, and make recommendations regarding, national coverage determinations with respect to Medicare coverage of ventilators and other specified respiratory devices.

## 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.