

HR 506

Hospital Competition Act of 2019

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Policy Area: Health

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

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jan 11, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2860	Related bill	Nov 14, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 3062	Related bill	Jun 4, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 1332	Related bill	Feb 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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This bill establishes a series of programs and requirements relating to hospital costs, payments, and infrastructure.

Among other things, the bill requires hospitals, as a condition of Medicare participation, to (1) in the case of hospitals that meet specified market concentration thresholds, apply Medicare reimbursement rates regardless of whether the individual receiving services is entitled to or enrolled in Medicare; and (2) publish the prices charged for specified services that are highly utilized.

The bill also repeals (1) performance incentives under the Medicare Shared Savings Program for accountable care organizations, and (2) provisions under the Stark law (i.e., the Physician Self-Referral Law) that prohibit physician-owned hospitals from expanding facility capacity.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 1, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.
- **Jan 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 11, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 11, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Judiciary, 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.