

HR 5453

Prevent Interruptions in Physical 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. (Dec 18, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jan 8, 2020
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jan 8, 2020
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Jan 8, 2020
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jan 10, 2020
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Jan 10, 2020
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jan 10, 2020
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jan 14, 2020
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jan 14, 2020
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Feb 4, 2020
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Mar 9, 2020
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Apr 17, 2020
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Apr 17, 2020

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 17, 2019)

Prevent Interruptions in Physical Therapy Act of 2019

This bill allows a physical therapist to receive payment under Medicare for services provided to the physical therapist's patients by another physical therapist through a qualifying temporary arrangement, regardless of the geographic area or population served. Currently, physical therapists may only receive payment with respect to such arrangements for services provided in medically underserved, rural, or health professional shortage areas.

Actions Timeline

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