

HR 6971

Medical Nutrition Therapy Act of 2020

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: May 22, 2020

Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means

Latest Action: 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. (May 22, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		May 22, 2020
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jun 24, 2020
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jul 6, 2020
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Aug 14, 2020
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Sep 1, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 14, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Sep 14, 2020
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Sep 23, 2020
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Oct 23, 2020
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Nov 2, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 22, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 22, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4504	Identical bill	Aug 6, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S5275)

Summary (as of May 22, 2020)

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This bill expands Medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

Currently, Medicare covers such services for individuals with diabetes or kidney disease under certain circumstances; such services must also be provided by a registered dietitian or nutrition professional pursuant to a physician referral. The bill extends coverage to individuals with other diseases and conditions, including obesity, eating disorders, cancer, and HIV/AIDS; such services may also be referred by a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or (for eating disorders) a clinical psychologist.

Actions Timeline

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