

HR 1611

Prevent Interruptions in Physical Therapy Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 9, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]

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

Cosponsors (41 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Mar 12, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		May 7, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		May 11, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		May 11, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		May 12, 2021
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		May 20, 2021
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Jun 1, 2021
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Aug 3, 2021
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Sep 24, 2021
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Mar 9, 2022
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Mar 9, 2022
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Mar 9, 2022
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Apr 28, 2022
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		May 19, 2022
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		May 19, 2022
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Jun 16, 2022
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jun 16, 2022
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jun 16, 2022
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Jun 24, 2022
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Jul 28, 2022
Rep. LaTurner, Jake [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Aug 2, 2022
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Sep 2, 2022
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Sep 2, 2022
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Sep 9, 2022
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Dec 8, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 9, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 8, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2612	Identical bill	Aug 4, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Mar 8, 2021)

Prevent Interruptions in Physical Therapy Act of 2021

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

- **Mar 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 8, 2021:** 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.