

## HR 1722

Puerto Rico Health Care Fairness, Accountability, and Beneficiary Access Act of 2021

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 10, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Puerto Rico Health Care Fairness, Accountability, and Beneficiary Access Act of 2021**

This bill alters certain funding and payment mechanisms, and establishes several requirements, for Puerto Rico's Medicaid program.

Among other changes, the bill increases the federal matching rate, also known as the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), from 55% to 83% through FY2031; beginning in FY2032, the FMAP must be calculated in the same manner as for states (i.e., based on per capita income). Puerto Rico must also expand its Medicaid program to include certain items, services, and populations that states are already required to cover; failure to do so results in a reduction of the applicable FMAP. Additionally, beginning in FY2027, the bill excludes Puerto Rico from a Medicaid funding cap that currently applies to U.S. territories.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 10, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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- **Mar 9, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.