

## HR 1985

Nursing Home Reform Modernization Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, 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. (Mar 18, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Mar 17, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Mar 17, 2021
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Mar 17, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Apr 30, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 18, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 782	Identical bill	<b>Mar 16, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Nursing Home Reform Modernization Act of 2021**

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish a ranking system and related programs for Medicare skilled nursing facilities and Medicaid nursing facilities, taking into account the findings and recommendations of a specified advisory council.

Specifically, the bill establishes the Advisory Council on Skilled Nursing Facility Rankings under Medicare and Nursing Facility Rankings under Medicaid. The council must study processes and make related recommendations for rankings, including with respect to appropriate metrics, data sources, and quality control.

The CMS must then develop a ranking system and use the system to implement a high-rated facility program and a low-rated facility program. Facilities in the low-rated facility program are subject to progressive enforcement actions of increasing severity until they meet applicable standards; facilities in the high-rated facility program may also have their designations suspended if they fail to meet the requisite standards. The CMS must post facility designations on the Nursing Home Compare website in a specified manner.

The Government Accountability Office must report on the quality of services provided by facilities and their compliance with applicable requirements, including the effectiveness of the bill's low-rated facility program.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 17, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.
- **Mar 17, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.