

HR 331

Nurses CARE Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jan 18, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jan 15, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		Jun 14, 2021
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Aug 30, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 18, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 15, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Nurses Certification And Recognition of Experience Act of 2021 or the Nurses CARE Act of 2021

This bill expands qualifying training and competency requirements for nurse aides in Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and Medicaid nursing facilities (NFs) for nurse aides who initially train and work during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Currently, SNFs and NFs may not hire nurse aides for longer than four months unless they meet certain training and certification requirements. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has waived some of these requirements during the emergency period so as to allow facilities to maintain adequate staffing levels.

The bill allows individuals who complete a training program, competency assessment, and at least 80 hours of supervised work experience as a temporary nurse aide during the emergency period, and who meet other specified competency requirements, to qualify for prolonged work as nurse aides in SNFs and NFs beyond the emergency period.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 15, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 15, 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.
- **Jan 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.