

## HR 3461

DOC Access Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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

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Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Oct 26, 2021

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Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Oct 26, 2021
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Rep. Carl, Jerry L. [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Feb 25, 2022
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Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Mar 24, 2022
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Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Apr 6, 2022
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Apr 28, 2022
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Apr 28, 2022
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		May 10, 2022
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		May 10, 2022
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		May 10, 2022
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		May 11, 2022
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		May 12, 2022
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		May 12, 2022
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		May 24, 2022
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jul 14, 2022
Rep. Murphy, Gregory [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jul 21, 2022
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Aug 9, 2022
Rep. Fallon, Pat [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Sep 14, 2022
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Oct 31, 2022
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Dec 20, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 24, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1793	Related bill	May 24, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

### Summary (as of May 21, 2021)

#### **Dentist and Optometric Care Access Act of 2021 or the DOC Access Act of 2021**

This bill prohibits private health insurance plans from setting rates for items and services, except for dental cleanings, provided by a doctor of optometry, of dental surgery, or of dental medicine for which the plan does not pay a substantial amount.

Additionally, an agreement between a plan and such a doctor for limited scope dental or vision benefits may last longer than two years only with the prior acceptance of the doctor for each term extension. Plans also may not restrict such a doctor's choice of laboratories or suppliers.

Such doctors may elect to waive the application of the payment amount and choice of laboratories provisions of this bill.

The bill establishes a private right of action for a person adversely affected by a violation of this bill.

The bill does not supersede state laws regarding health insurers and dental or vision benefit plans.

### Actions Timeline

- **May 24, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 21, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.