

S 4381

Ensuring Seniors' Access to Quality Care Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 13, 2022

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8805	Identical bill	Sep 14, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HR 7140	Related bill	Mar 18, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 2214	Related bill	Jun 24, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill repeals certain restrictions under Medicare and Medicaid that prohibit the approval of nurse-aide training and competency evaluation programs in skilled nursing facilities that have been subject to specified regulatory actions (e.g., civil penalties) for substandard quality of care. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must still disapprove such programs for up to two years; however, the CMS must rescind the disapproval upon completion of corrective action and may require additional oversight of the program for purposes of rescission.

The bill also allows Medicaid and Medicare providers (e.g., skilled nursing facilities) to access, through the National Practitioner Data Bank, disciplinary information for affiliated physicians and other health care practitioners, as reported by state licensing authorities.

Actions Timeline

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