

## HR 4942

BETTER Kidney Care Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Aug 6, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Aug 9, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]

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

### Cosponsors (23 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Oct 20, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Jan 20, 2022
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Mar 9, 2022
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		May 19, 2022
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Jun 7, 2022
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Jun 15, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 9, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 6, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2649	Identical bill	<b>Aug 5, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of Aug 6, 2021)

### Bringing Enhanced Treatments and Therapies to ESRD Recipients Kidney Care Act or the BETTER Kidney Care Act

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish a demonstration program for Medicare beneficiaries with end-stage renal disease (ESRD).

Under the program, renal dialysis facilities, kidney disease specialists, physician practices, and other health care practitioners may form an organization that partners with certain health care entities to provide integrated care to beneficiaries with ESRD. Such care must include all covered Medicare benefits as well as transition services for transplantations, palliative care, and hospice. Each organization must have a minimum number or percentage of participating beneficiaries (350 or 60% of beneficiaries served at the organization's facilities) and must also comply with certain fiscal, governance, and quality of care requirements.

Additionally, the Government Accountability Office must study certain data that is reported to the CMS regarding pediatric dialysis care, as well as the effects of race-based corrections to a specified kidney function test on referrals of ESRD patients for transplant evaluations.

## Actions Timeline

- **Aug 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.