

## HR 5377

Cancer Patient Equity Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Sep 27, 2021

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Sep 28, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5377>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]

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

### Cosponsors (19 total)

| Cosponsor                                       | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]                | R · FL        |      | Sep 27, 2021 |
| Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]                        | R · KY        |      | Oct 15, 2021 |
| Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]             | R · PA        |      | Nov 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]                        | R · NE        |      | Dec 2, 2021  |
| Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]   | R · TN        |      | Dec 2, 2021  |
| Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]                       | D · NV        |      | Dec 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]                | D · PA        |      | Jan 3, 2022  |
| Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]                 | D · AZ        |      | Jan 6, 2022  |
| Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]                       | R · OK        |      | Jan 6, 2022  |
| Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4]                 | D · MA        |      | Jan 18, 2022 |
| Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]                      | D · MA        |      | Jan 18, 2022 |
| Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]                      | D · PA        |      | Feb 1, 2022  |
| Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]                 | D · CA        |      | Feb 22, 2022 |
| Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]                       | D · CO        |      | Feb 28, 2022 |
| Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]                  | D · TX        |      | May 3, 2022  |
| Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large] | D · GU        |      | Jun 7, 2022  |
| Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]                    | D · CA        |      | Jun 28, 2022 |
| Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]                       | D · PA        |      | Jul 1, 2022  |
| Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]        | D · FL        |      | Sep 28, 2022 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred to | Sep 28, 2021 |
| Ways and Means Committee      | House   | Referred to | Sep 27, 2021 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Sep 27, 2021)

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### Cancer Patient Equity Act of 2021

This bill provides for coverage of certain cancer diagnostic and laboratory tests under Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Specifically, the bill provides for coverage of microarray analysis, DNA and RNA sequencing, whole-exome sequencing, and other next-generation sequencing for individuals diagnosed with cancer.

Additionally, the Department of Health and Human Services must establish an education and awareness program for physicians and the public about genomic testing and the role of genetic counselors.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 27, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 27, 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.
- **Sep 27, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.