

HR 5536

SMART Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]

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

Cosponsors (45 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Dec 2, 2021
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jan 25, 2022
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Feb 7, 2022
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Feb 7, 2022
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Feb 7, 2022
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Mar 1, 2022
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Mar 1, 2022
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Mar 1, 2022
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Mar 1, 2022
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Mar 1, 2022
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Mar 3, 2022
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Mar 3, 2022
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		May 3, 2022
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		May 3, 2022
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		May 3, 2022
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		May 19, 2022
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Jul 20, 2022
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Aug 19, 2022
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Sep 14, 2022
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Sep 14, 2022

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Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Sep 20, 2022
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Sep 29, 2022
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Nov 17, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 11, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 8, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 8, 2021)

Stabilizing Medicare Access to Rehabilitation and Therapy Act or the SMART Act

This bill modifies the application of a certain Medicare payment methodology for outpatient physical therapy services and outpatient occupational therapy services that are furnished by a therapy assistant.

Under current law, effective January 1, 2022, payment for such services is 85% of the otherwise applicable rate. The bill delays this effective date by one year and excludes services that are furnished in rural or medically underserved areas from this payment methodology.

The bill also specifies that supervision requirements for outpatient physical therapy services that are furnished through private practice may not be more stringent for purposes of Medicare coverage than under state law.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 11, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 8, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 8, 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.
- **Oct 8, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.