

## HR 5742

Equitable Health Care for All Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jan 13, 2022
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2022
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		May 10, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 27, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 26, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7585	Related bill	<b>Jun 29, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 4486	Related bill	<b>Jun 23, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 S 3073	Related bill	<b>Oct 26, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Summary (as of Oct 26, 2021)

### Equitable Health Care for All Act

This bill prohibits discrimination in health care based on race, religion, and other characteristics. It also revises reporting requirements, adds equity-related measures to certain Medicare programs, and makes other changes to reduce health disparities.

To enforce the prohibition, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must establish an administrative process to resolve complaints about inequitable health care. HHS must investigate these complaints and mediate agreements to resolve issues. In the event of noncompliance with a mediated agreement, an aggrieved individual may bring a civil action.

Health care providers must also report data in formats that allow disaggregation by demographic factors. HHS must issue proposed regulations to carry out this requirement within 90 days.

Additionally, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must include measures related to equitable health care in the Medicare value-based purchasing program for hospitals. This program provides incentive payments based on quality of care. The CMS may also exclude providers that furnish inequitable health care from its programs.

In addition, the bill establishes the Federal Health Equity Commission to monitor implementation of the bill and establishes a grant program for hospitals to promote equitable health care.

### Actions Timeline

- **Oct 27, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 26, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 26, 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 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.