

## HR 7589

### Reduce and Eliminate Mental Health Outpatient Veteran Copays Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Apr 26, 2022

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Sep 29, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/7589>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]

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

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		May 6, 2022
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		May 6, 2022
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		May 10, 2022
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		May 27, 2022
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		May 27, 2022
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		May 27, 2022
Rep. Kahele, Kaiiali'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Sep 14, 2022
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Sep 19, 2022
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Sep 26, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 20, 2022
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 29, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4951	Related bill	<b>Sep 27, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## Reduce and Eliminate Mental Health Outpatient Veteran Copays Act or the REMOVE Copays Act

This bill prohibits the Department of Veterans Affairs from imposing or collecting any co-payment for a veteran's first three mental health outpatient care visits in a calendar year. However, such prohibition must not apply with respect to the imposition or collection of copayments for medications.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 29, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8185-8186)
- **Sep 28, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7589.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8185)
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 20, 2022:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Jun 22, 2022:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 10, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 26, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 26, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.