

HR 845

VA Billing Accountability Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (20 total)

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Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Feb 4, 2021
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Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Mar 26, 2021
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Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Letlow, Julia [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Oct 28, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 4, 2021)

VA Billing Accountability Act

This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to waive the requirement that a veteran make co-payments for medications, hospital care, nursing home care, and medical services in certain situations. Specifically, a veteran may have such co-payments waived if (1) an error committed by the VA or a non-VA facility delayed co-payment notification to the veteran, and (2) the veteran received such notification later than 180 days (18 months in the case of a non-VA facility) after the date on which the veteran received the care or services.

In requiring a veteran to make a co-payment for care or services provided at a VA or a non-VA medical facility, the VA shall notify the veteran not later than 180 days (18 months in the case of a non-VA facility) after the date on which the veteran received the care or services. If the VA does not provide notification by such date, it may not collect the payment, including through a third-party entity, unless the veteran is provided with (1) information about applying for a waiver and establishing a payment plan with the VA, and (2) an opportunity to make a waiver or establish a payment plan.

Finally, the bill requires the VA to review and improve its co-payment billing internal controls and notification procedures.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 22, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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