

## HR 845

VA Billing Accountability Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. (Mar 22, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]

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

### Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Mar 18, 2021
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Mar 19, 2021
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Mar 26, 2021
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

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### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Feb 4, 2021)

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### 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

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- **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.