

## HR 8805

Ensuring Seniors' Access to Quality Care Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Sep 28, 2022
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Nov 3, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 14, 2022
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 13, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4381	Identical bill	<b>Jun 13, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 7140	Related bill	<b>Mar 18, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 2214	Related bill	<b>Jun 24, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Ensuring Seniors' Access to Quality Care Act

This bill repeals certain restrictions under Medicare and Medicaid that prohibit the approval of nurse-aide training and competency evaluation programs in skilled nursing facilities that have been subject to specified regulatory actions (e.g., civil penalties) for substandard quality of care. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must still disapprove such programs for up to two years; however, the CMS must rescind the disapproval upon completion of corrective action and may require additional oversight of the program for purposes of rescission.

The bill also allows Medicaid and Medicare providers (e.g., skilled nursing facilities) to access, through the National Practitioner Data Bank, disciplinary information for affiliated physicians and other health care practitioners, as reported by state licensing authorities.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 14, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 13, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 13, 2022:** 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.