

## HR 8984

### Medical Care Equity Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Sep 26, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Sep 27, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/8984>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 27, 2022
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 26, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Taxation

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8588	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

### Summary (as of Sep 26, 2022)

#### Medical Care Equity Act

This bill allows a tax deduction for the unreimbursed Medicare-based value of qualified charity care (i.e., physicians' services furnished without expectation of reimbursement, including medical screenings and treatment for emergency medical conditions and labor-related treatments).

The bill also specifies that a physician is not liable under federal or state law for harm caused by an act or omission of the physician, or attending medical personnel supporting the physician, if the act or omission (1) occurs in the course of furnishing charity care, and (2) was not grossly negligent. The bill preempts laws of a state or locality that are inconsistent with this exemption, unless the laws provide greater protection from liability for a defendant.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 27, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 26, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 26, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.