

## HR 133

### MERIT Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 9, 2023

**Current Status:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 779.

**Latest Action:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 779. (Dec 19, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/133>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		May 9, 2023
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		May 10, 2023
Rep. Carey, Mike [R-OH-15]	R · OH		May 11, 2023
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Aug 25, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 3, 2023
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Nov 15, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Mandating Exclusive Review of Individual Treatments (MERIT) Act**

This bill specifies that coverage determinations for drugs and biologics under Medicare must be made with respect to each drug or biologic, rather than with respect to a class of drugs or biologics.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 19, 2024:** Committee on Ways and Means discharged.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 779.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 22, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 118-764, Part I.
- **Nov 22, 2024:** House Committee on Ways and Means Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Dec. 19, 2024.
- **Dec 6, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Dec 6, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 42 - 0.
- **Dec 5, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Nov 15, 2023:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Nov 15, 2023:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 20, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2023:** 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.

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