

HR 1493

HCBS Access Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		May 15, 2023
Rep. Magaziner, Seth [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jun 12, 2023
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jul 11, 2023
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Aug 11, 2023
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Nov 8, 2023
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2024
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		May 6, 2024
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jun 13, 2024
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jun 27, 2024
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Aug 20, 2024
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 9, 2023
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2023
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 9, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2941	Related bill	Sep 19, 2024: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 587.
118 S 1332	Related bill	Mar 21, 2024: Held at the desk.
118 S 1298	Related bill	Apr 26, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 S 762	Identical bill	Mar 9, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Mar 9, 2023)

HCBS Access Act

This bill expands coverage of home- and community-based services (HCBS) under Medicaid. It also establishes programs and requirements to support providers who furnish HCBS.

Specifically, the bill requires state Medicaid programs to cover HCBS for individuals who (1) are determined to have a functional impairment that affects daily living and that is expected to last at least 90 days, (2) during the five-year period after the bill is enacted, are already receiving HCBS through Medicaid under a demonstration waiver or other state option, or (3) are under the age of 21 and are otherwise eligible. Covered services include home health care services, private nursing services, homemaking assistance, non-emergency and non-medical transportation, and caregiver support.

The bill also requires the Office of Management and Budget to revise the Standard Occupational Classification system so that the occupation of direct support professional (i.e., a professional who provides services for individuals with disabilities) is classified under a separate code as a healthcare support occupation. Additionally, the Administration for Community Living must establish a technical assistance center and award grants to government, nonprofit, educational entities, and relevant employers to support training, recruitment, and retention of direct support professionals.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must study the effects of the bill's implementation on HCBS beneficiaries and the direct care workforce.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 17, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- Mar 9, 2023: Introduced in House
- Mar 9, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Oversight and Accountability, 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.