

## HR 3227

### Ensuring Seniors' Access to Quality Care Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 11, 2023

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Dec 17, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/3227>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]

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

## Cosponsors (13 total)

| Cosponsor                               | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]      | D · VA        |      | May 11, 2023 |
| Rep. Carl, Jerry L. [R-AL-1]            | R · AL        |      | Jun 12, 2023 |
| Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]           | R · WI        |      | Jun 13, 2023 |
| Rep. Yakym, Rudy [R-IN-2]               | R · IN        |      | Jun 13, 2023 |
| Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]             | R · LA        |      | Jun 16, 2023 |
| Rep. Magaziner, Seth [D-RI-2]           | D · RI        |      | Jul 6, 2023  |
| Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]                | R · KY        |      | Jul 13, 2023 |
| Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]          | D · NC        |      | Oct 26, 2023 |
| Rep. Fischbach, Michelle [R-MN-7]       | R · MN        |      | Dec 19, 2023 |
| Rep. Caraveo, Yadira [D-CO-8]           | D · CO        |      | Feb 29, 2024 |
| Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]        | R · TN        |      | Feb 29, 2024 |
| Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-1] | R · IA        |      | Feb 29, 2024 |
| Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]               | R · IN        |      | Feb 29, 2024 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Reported by | May 16, 2024 |
| Ways and Means Committee      | House   | Referred to | Dec 17, 2024 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|------------|----------------|--|
| 118 S 2429 | Related bill   | Jul 20, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 118 S 1749 | Identical bill | May 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

## Summary (as of May 11, 2023)

### 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

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 20 - 18.
- **May 16, 2024:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **May 16, 2024:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 13 - 12.
- **May 12, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 11, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 11, 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.