

HR 6315

VA Billing Accountability Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Nov 8, 2023
Rep. Finstad, Brad [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Feb 23, 2024
Rep. Ciscomani, Juan [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Mar 21, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 27, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3282	Identical bill	Nov 9, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to waive the requirement that a veteran make co-payments for medications, hospital care, nursing home care, and medical services in certain situations. Specifically, a veteran may have such co-payments waived if (1) an error committed by the VA or a non-VA facility delayed co-payment notification to the veteran, and (2) the veteran received such notification later than 180 days (18 months in the case of a non-VA facility) after the date on which the veteran received the care or services.

In requiring a veteran to make a co-payment for care or services provided at a VA or a non-VA medical facility, the VA shall notify the veteran not later than 180 days (18 months in the case of a non-VA facility) after the date on which the veteran received the care or services. If the VA does not provide notification by such date, it may not collect the payment, including through a third-party entity, unless the veteran is provided with (1) information about applying for a waiver and establishing a payment plan with the VA, and (2) an opportunity to make a waiver or establish a payment plan.

Finally, the bill requires the VA to review and improve its co-payment billing internal controls and notification procedures.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 27, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 8, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 8, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.