

HR 7397

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a definition of essential health system in statute.

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Feb 15, 2024

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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

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Party: Democratic • State: MA • Chamber: House

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Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Apr 12, 2024
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 16, 2024
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 15, 2024)

This bill establishes a statutory definition for *essential health system* under Medicare.

Under the bill, an *essential health system* is one that (1) is an acute care hospital that is paid under Medicare's inpatient prospective payment system (excluding children's, inpatient psychiatric, long-term care, rehabilitation hospitals, and certain cancer hospitals); (2) is a non-federal governmental or private nonprofit hospital; and (3) is a Medicaid disproportionate share hospital, has a Medicare disproportionate patient percentage of at least 35%, or has a Medicare disproportionate share hospital uncompensated care payment factor of 0.0005 or more.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 16, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 15, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 15, 2024:** 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.