

# HR 7708

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require MA organizations offering network-based plans to maintain an accurate provider directory, and for other purposes.

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**Chamber:** House  
**Policy Area:** Health  
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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Dec 17, 2024)  
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 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 3430	Related bill	<b>Dec 7, 2023:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 265.
118 S 3059	Related bill	<b>Oct 17, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

This bill requires Medicare Advantage (MA) organizations to maintain directories of in-network providers and continually ensure their accuracy.

Specifically, MA organizations must publish on their websites an accurate directory of in-network providers and regularly update these directories. The bill additionally specifies that if a provider is listed as in-network in this directory when a beneficiary selects and makes an appointment with the provider, but the provider is not actually in-network, the beneficiary is still only responsible for paying in-network cost-sharing requirements.

MA organizations must annually evaluate and report on the accuracy of their directories; the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and MA organizations must publish this information on their websites. The bill provides funds for these purposes.

The Government Accountability Office must report on the bill's implementation.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 22, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 15, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 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.