

## HR 972

### Outpatient Surgery Quality and Access Act of 2023

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 17, 2023)

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Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Dec 10, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 17, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 9, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 312	Related bill	Feb 9, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Outpatient Surgery Quality and Access Act of 2023**

This bill establishes and modifies certain requirements relating to Medicare payments for ambulatory surgical center (ASC) services.

Specifically, the bill (1) requires the payment system for ASC services to feature certain positive annual adjustments equivalent to those made with respect to hospital outpatient department (OPD) services; (2) revises quality reporting requirements to permit publicly available, side-by-side comparisons of quality measures for ASCs and OPDs in the same geographic area; and (3) requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), when excluding requested procedures from the list of those approved to be performed in ASCs, to cite specified reasons for doing so.

With respect to excluding procedures from the approved list for ASCs, the CMS may not cite as a basis for exclusion that a procedure can only be reported using an unlisted surgical procedure code. (Physicians sometimes use unlisted codes when performing new procedures or services if no existing code is adequately descriptive.)

The bill also limits the copayment amount for ASC services under Medicare to that of the inpatient hospital deductible.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 17, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 9, 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.