

HR 6160

Strengthening Medicare for Patients and Providers Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means

Latest Action: 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. (Nov 19, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-25]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Nov 19, 2025
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Nov 19, 2025
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Nov 19, 2025
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Nov 19, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 19, 2025
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 19, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill modifies certain adjustments to payment amounts under the Medicare physician fee schedule.

Payment amounts under the Medicare physician fee schedule are based on a service's relative value, a conversion factor, and a geographic adjustment factor. Current law provides for separate conversion factors for physicians that are qualifying participants in advanced alternative payment models (also known as qualifying APM participants) and for other physicians beginning in 2026, with an annual update of 0.75% and 0.25%, respectively.

The bill replaces the separate conversion factors for qualifying APM participants and other physicians with a single conversion factor and provides for an update that is equal to the annual percentage increase in the Medicare Economic Index, beginning in 2026. (The Medicare Economic Index is a specialized index that is generally used to determine allowed charges for physician services based on annual price changes.)

Actions Timeline

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