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## House Energy and Commerce Committee Advances 13 Health Care Bills

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On Wednesday (June 12), the House Energy and Commerce Committee unanimously advanced 13 bills to extend Medicare beneficiaries' access to certain telehealth services partially paid for by a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) provision to ban spread pricing in Medicaid, as well as bills to support living organ donors, support research into women's health, lung cancer and preventive services; authorize research into stillborn births; improve Medicare and Medicaid program integrity; and more.

- For more information: <https://energycommerce.house.gov/events/full-committee-markup-of-13-health-bills>

### Mark-up details

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#### H.R. 6020, Honor Our Living Donors (HOLD) Act

- *High-level summary:* The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Reps. Jay Obernolte (R-CA) and Suzan DelBene (D-WA), would expand donors who are eligible for wage, travel, and caregiver reimbursement when donating organs.
- *Outcome:* Ordered to be favorably reported to the House in a 42-0 vote.

#### H.R. 455, To amend the Controlled Substances Act to fix a technical error in the definitions

- *High-level summary:* The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Reps. Tim Burchett (R-TN) and Steve Cohen (D-TN), would make technical corrections to the Controlled Substances Act redesignating certain paragraphs.
- *Outcome:* Ordered to be favorably reported to the House in a 44-0 vote.

#### H.R. 4534, Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act of 2023

- *High-level summary:* The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Reps. Brendan Boyle (D-PA) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), would require HHS to conduct an interagency review of the status of women and lung cancer.
- *Outcome:* Ordered to be favorably reported to the House in a 44-0 vote.

#### H.R. 5012, Stillbirth Health Improvement and Education (SHINE) for Autumn Act of 2023

- *High-level summary:* The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Reps. Kim Young (R-CA) and Kathy Castor (D-FL), would authorize and establish HHS grant and other programs to conduct surveillance and data collection related to stillbirths and support research into stillbirths.
- *Outcome:* Ordered to be favorably reported to the House in a 45-0 vote.

#### **H.R. 7213, Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support (CARES) Act of 2024**

- *High-level summary:* The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Reps. Christopher Smith (R-NJ) and Henry Cuellar (D-TX), would reauthorize through FY 2029 several programs related to autism, including the Developmental Disabilities Surveillance and Research Program that is administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); activities administered by HHS to support autism education, early detection, and intervention; and the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee in HHS.
- *Outcome:* Ordered to be favorably reported, as amended, to the House in a 42-0 vote.

#### **H.R. 8084, LIVE Beneficiaries Act**

- *High-level summary:* The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Reps. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) and Angie Craig (D-MN), would require states to conduct quarterly eligibility verification requirements and remove those who are deceased.
- Bilirakis had an AINS amendment that incorporates technical assistance to ensure CMS certifies at least on a quarterly basis
- *Outcome:* Ordered to be favorably reported, as amended, to the House in a 46-0 vote.

#### **H.R. 8089, Medicare and Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act of 2024**

- *High-level summary:* The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Reps. Mike Garcia (R-CA) and Scott Peters (D-CA) would require state Medicaid programs to regularly verify that providers or suppliers are still alive.
- *Outcome:* Ordered to be favorably reported to the House in a 45-0 vote

#### **H.R. 8111, To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure the reliability of address information provided under the Medicaid program**

- *High-level summary:* The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Reps. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA) and Matt Cartwright (D-PA), would provide a new process, effective January 1, 2026, for regularly verifying address information for Medicaid enrollees.
- *Outcome:* Ordered to be favorably reported, as amended, to the House in a 46-0 vote

#### **H.R. 8112, To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to further require certain additional provider screening under the Medicaid program**

- *High-level summary:* The bill, sponsored by Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R-NY), would require state Medicaid programs to conduct additional provider screenings to ensure the provider or supplier is in good standing with HHS.
- *Outcome:* Ordered to be favorably reported to the House in a 45-0 vote

#### **H.R. 4758, Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act**

- *High-level summary:* The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Reps. Lori Trahan (D-MA) and Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA) would require state Medicaid programs to establish a process through which qualifying out-of-state providers could enroll as participating providers for five years without undergoing additional

screening requirements. The bill was recently updated to include a provision prohibiting pharmacy benefit managers from spread pricing in Medicaid, which is expected to offset some of the bill's cost.

- *Outcome:* Ordered to be favorably reported, as amended, to the House in a 42-0 vote

#### **H.R. 5526, Seniors' Access to Critical Medications Act**

- *High-level summary:* The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Reps. Diana Harshbarger (R-TN) and Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) would amend the STARK law to make permanent a COVID-19 public health emergency flexibility to allow independent physicians to mail medications directly to Medicare patients, or have them delivered by a family member or caregiver, if the patient was unable to come to the office.
- *Outcome:* Ordered to be favorably reported, as amended, to the House in a 43-0 vote

#### **H.R. 6033, Supporting Patient Education And Knowledge (SPEAK) Act of 2023**

- *High-level summary:* The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Reps. Michelle Steel (R-CA) and Jimmy Gomez (D-CA) would require HHS to establish a task force to improve access to health care information technology for non-English speakers.
- *Outcome:* Ordered to be favorably reported to the House in a 40-0 vote

#### **H.R. 7858, Telehealth Enhancement for Mental Health Act of 2024**

- *High-level summary:* The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Reps. John James (R-MI), David Schweikert (R-AZ) and Donald Davis (D-NC), would require HHS to establish an incident to Medicare billing code or modifier for mental health services furnished through telehealth.
- *Outcome:* Ordered to be favorably reported to the House in a 40-0 vote

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