



November 28, 2016

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Health

FROM: Committee Majority Staff

RE: Hearing entitled “Examining the United States Preventive Services Task Force”

I. INTRODUCTION

On Wednesday, November 30, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. in 2322 Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Health will hold a hearing entitled “Examining the United States Preventive Services Task Force.”

II. WITNESSES

- Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, Ph.D. M.D. MAS, Chairwoman of the USPSTF;
- John H. Lynch, M.D., Member, American Urological Association, Chairman and Professor, Department of Urology, Georgetown University; and
- John Meigs, Jr., M.D., FAAFP, President of the American Academy of Family Physicians

III. BACKGROUND

Authored by Vice Chairman Blackburn and Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL), H.R. 1151, the USPSTF Transparency and Accountability Act of 2015, aims to improve the oversight and transparency of the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF). H.R. 1151 would require specialists and sub-specialists to be involved in reviewing the preventive services that the task force examines. This bill also creates a preventative services advisory board to ensure patient groups, providers and federal agencies are all involved with USPSTF decisions. Additionally, H.R. 1151 would require the Government Accountability Office to submit a report comparing USPSTF’s recommendations with other federal government health guidelines.

Cosponsors and the Committee have received feedback and interest on the introduced legislation (H.R. 1151) from a wide variety of stakeholders. Based on that feedback, this hearing will be an opportunity to review a revised discussion draft of H.R. 1151, titled the USPSTF Transparency and Accountability Act of 2016..

IV. STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact Adrianna Simonelli, Sophie Trainor, or Paul Edattel of the Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.