

Rep. Murphy: Hospital Transparency Bill ‘Is Still Being Worked On’

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Rep. Greg Murphy (R-NC) told *Inside Health Policy* he expects the Ways & Means Committee will soon reschedule a markup reportedly pulled this week of a draft bill requiring non-profit hospitals report more information to the IRS on their tax exempt status, saying the bill is “still being worked on” and expressing confidence hospitals’ concerns will be assuaged.

“We talked about it, but it’s just not ready yet,” Murphy told *IHP* Tuesday (*May 19*) when asked why the expected Thursday (*May 21*) markup still isn’t on the books. “We’re still listening to some constituents and concerns.”

The draft bill, obtained by *Politico* and reportedly circulated last week by Ways & Means Chair Jason Smith (R-MO), would require non-profit hospitals to report more information to the Internal Revenue Service, including health service lines a hospital subsidizes, spending on the highest priority health needs in the hospital’s community, data on financial assistance applications and numbers of individuals receiving drugs through 340B.

According to reporting from *Politico*, many members of the hospital lobby are furious about the bill. The American Hospital Association declined to comment on the cancellation of the markup.

When asked about AHA’s reported concerns, Murphy acknowledged the hospital lobby may be concerned but defended the bill’s aim to create more transparency.

“I’m sure they’re very concerned, but it’s not really going to be nearly as bad as what people may think,” Murphy said. “[The bill is] really trying to reestablish, ‘Hey, you have a full reason for your status.’ We want people always to be transparent -- it’s what the whole mood is about, just being transparent.”

Murphy said he is unsure as to when the committee will mark up the bill but hopes it will be sooner rather than later.

The bill comes after Smith said at a Ways & Means hearing last month with hospital executives that the committee is eyeing non-profit hospitals' tax-exempt status, arguing "tax-exempt hospitals deliver charity care that is consistently worth less than the tax break they receive." -- *Sigi Ris* (sris@iwpnews.com)