

S 599

Improving Access to Emergency Psychiatric Care Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 26, 2015
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Feb 26, 2015
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Mar 3, 2015
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 12, 2015
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 17, 2015
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Apr 14, 2015
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 28, 2015
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		May 4, 2015
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 14, 2015
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		May 18, 2015
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Jun 8, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 15, 2015
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 18, 2015
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Jul 7, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 30, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3681	Related bill	Oct 9, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Dec 11, 2015)

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on November 16, 2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to revise the length of the emergency psychiatric demonstration project under title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act that is currently limited to three years.

Participation in the demonstration project shall be extended through FY2016 for any requesting states selected for eligibility to participate on or before March 13, 2012, if the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) determines, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) certify, that a state's participation is projected not to increase net Medicaid program spending.

An additional extension through December 31, 2019, may be granted to a state, and the number of states eligible to participate may be expanded through December 31, 2019, if the same fiscal criteria are met.

HHS shall review annually each participating state's demonstration project expenditures to ensure budget neutrality. If a state's net programming spending has increased as a result of its participation in the project, HHS shall treat the excess expenditures as an overpayment under Medicaid.

This bill also revises certain limitations on federal funding.

HHS must submit recommendations to Congress: (1) first on whether the demonstration project should be continued after September 30, 2016, (2) whether it should be expanded to additional states, (3) subsequently on whether it should be permanently continued after December 31, 2019, in one or more states, and (4) finally on whether the demonstration project should be expanded (including on a nationwide basis).

\$100,000 shall be available for the project from unobligated balances of amounts available in the CMS Program Management account.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 11, 2015:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 11, 2015:** Became Public Law No: 114-97.
- **Dec 1, 2015:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 20, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate bill by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8175; text as Senate agreed to the House amendment: CR S8175)
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- **Nov 17, 2015:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Nov 16, 2015:** Mr. Pitts moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 16, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8176-8180)
- **Nov 16, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 599.
- **Nov 16, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8176-8177)
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- **Nov 16, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 29, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 29, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 29, 2015:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 28, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6979-6980; text as passed Senate: CR S6979-6980)
- **Sep 28, 2015:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6979-6980; text as passed Senate: CR S6979-6980)
- **Jul 30, 2015:** Committee on Finance. Reported by Senator Hatch with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 114-101.
- **Jul 30, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 180.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 26, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 26, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1168-1169; text of measure as introduced: CR S1169-1170)