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Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 11, 2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 13, 2015
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 23, 2015
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Jun 23, 2015
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 14, 2015

Committee Activity

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

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2704	Related bill	Jun 12, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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(Sec. 3) This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a five-year Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to prevent and delay institutionalization under title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act (SSAct) among eligible low-income Medicare beneficiaries age 65 or older.

HHS shall enter into agreements with up to five eligible Medicare Advantage (MA) plans under part C (Medicare+Choice) of SSAct title XVIII (Medicare) to conduct the demonstration program. Each eligible MA plan may enroll up to 1,000 eligible low-income Medicare beneficiaries in such program.

A participating MA plan shall use the rebate the plan must provide to eligible low-income Medicare enrollees to furnish certain benefits, including homemaker services, home delivered meals, transportation services, respite care, adult day care services, and non-Medicare-covered safety and other equipment.

HHS shall help to educate eligible Medicare beneficiaries about the availability of the demonstration program through State Health Insurance Assistance Programs and other organizations dedicated to assisting seniors with Medicare benefits and enrollment.

The demonstration program shall be implemented by January 1, 2018.

HHS shall arrange for an independent third party evaluation of the demonstration program, on the basis of which its duration and scope may be expanded.

Funding for the demonstration program shall come out of the Medicare trust funds.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2015:** Committee on Finance. Reported by Senator Hatch with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 114-103.
- **Jul 30, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 182.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 11, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 11, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.