

## S 1511

### Keeping Health Insurance Affordable Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 29, 2017

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jun 29, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1511>

## Sponsor

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

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

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 29, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1688	Related bill	Aug 1, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 3620	Related bill	Jul 28, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
115 HR 3258	Related bill	Jul 20, 2017: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H6046)
115 HR 3311	Related bill	Jul 19, 2017: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
115 S 1462	Related bill	Jun 28, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
115 S 1354	Related bill	Jun 14, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
115 HR 1307	Related bill	Mar 17, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 S 252	Related bill	Feb 1, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of Jun 29, 2017)

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This bill alters and establishes several programs relating to health insurance and prescription drugs. Among other changes, the bill

- establishes and funds the Individual Market Reinsurance Fund to provide an individual market stabilization reinsurance program in each state;
- requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a public health insurance option through health insurance exchanges;
- expands eligibility for the health insurance premium tax credit;
- expands eligibility for additional cost-sharing reductions that apply to certain enrollees of qualified health plans;
- requires drug manufacturers, as a condition of participation in the Medicare prescription drug benefit, to issue rebates to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for drugs dispensed to certain low-income enrollees;
- requires the CMS to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies regarding prices for drugs covered under the Medicare prescription drug benefit; and
- provides an enhanced federal medical assistance percentage of 100% to states that deliver items and services through a collaborative care model or an evidence-based model that integrates behavioral health services into primary care treatment.

## Actions Timeline

- Jun 29, 2017: Introduced in Senate
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