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Medicare at 55 Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Aug 3, 2017
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Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 5, 2017
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Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 12, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 14, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 14, 2017
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 14, 2017
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 26, 2017
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 26, 2017
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 26, 2018
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 12, 2018
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 27, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 3, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Aug 3, 2017)

Medicare at 55 Act

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to allow individuals aged 55 to 64 to buy into Medicare or Medicare Advantage. Such enrollees shall be entitled to Medicare hospital, medical, and prescription-drug benefits.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) must establish enrollment periods and determine monthly premiums with respect to such enrollees, as specified by the bill. Premium amounts collected by HHS shall be deposited in the Hospital Insurance and Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds.

Such enrollees shall not be eligible for Medicare cost-sharing assistance but may be eligible for premium assistance under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Actions Timeline

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