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Protecting Access to Diabetes Supplies Act of 2017

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**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Oct 4, 2017
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Dec 20, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 4, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1892	Related bill	<b>Feb 9, 2018:</b> Became Public Law No: 115-123.
115 HR 3271	Related bill	<b>Dec 6, 2017:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 329.

## **Protecting Access to Diabetes Supplies Act of 2017**

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to modify provisions relating to Medicare's competitive acquisition program (through which rates are set through a competitive bidding program rather than by an established fee schedule) with respect to diabetic testing strips. Specifically, the bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to:

- use specified data to determine whether a bid satisfies certain requirements related to volume of coverage with respect to such products,
- reject a bid if the bidder does not demonstrate its ability to furnish such products in a manner consistent with its bid, and
- establish a process to monitor the extent to which an entity continues to cover the product types included in its bid.

The CMS may terminate a contract if it determines that an entity, for reasons other than product discontinuation, market-wide shortage, or introduction of a newer model, fails to maintain ready access to such products included its bid.

In addition, the bill specifies that an entity furnishing such products to beneficiaries under the program: (1) must furnish to each beneficiary a brand of strips that is compatible with the beneficiary's home blood glucose monitor, (2) may not attempt to influence or incentivize a beneficiary to switch the brand of either type of product, and (3) must contact and receive a request from a beneficiary no more than 14 days prior to dispensing a refill to the beneficiary.

### **Actions Timeline**

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