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Medicare-X Choice Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Oct 17, 2017

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Oct 17, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1970>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]

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

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 17, 2017
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Oct 17, 2017
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 18, 2017
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Oct 18, 2017
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Oct 23, 2017
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 6, 2017
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 12, 2018
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Aug 1, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 17, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4094	Identical bill	<b>Oct 27, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Medicare-X Choice Act of 2017**

This bill amends the Social Security Act to create the Medicare Exchange health plan, which the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must offer in certain individual health insurance exchanges in 2020 and offer in all individual health insurance exchanges by 2023. Any individual who is a resident of a state where the plan is offered and who is not eligible for Medicare benefits may enroll in the plan. CMS must offer the plan in the small group market in all areas for 2024.

The plan must meet the same requirements, including essential health benefits, as health insurance exchange plans under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Health care providers enrolled under Medicare or under a state Medicaid plan shall also be participating providers for the plan and shall be reimbursed at Medicare rates.

The bill eliminates the restriction on the Department of Health and Human Services to negotiate prescription drug prices for Medicare.

### **Actions Timeline**

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