

## S 2209

### Prioritizing the Most Vulnerable Over Lottery Winners Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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#### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

#### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Dec 7, 2017
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Dec 7, 2017

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 7, 2017

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

#### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1892	Related bill	Feb 9, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-123.
115 HJRES 124	Related bill	Dec 13, 2017: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and 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 HR 3922	Related bill	Nov 6, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 3921	Related bill	Oct 23, 2017: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 263.
115 HR 1628	Related bill	Jul 28, 2017: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 120.
115 HR 829	Identical bill	Feb 7, 2017: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 20 - 11 .

## Prioritizing the Most Vulnerable Over Lottery Winners Act of 2017

This bill specifies how a state must treat qualified lottery winnings and lump sum income for purposes of determining an individual's income-based eligibility for a state Medicaid program. Specifically, a state shall include such winnings or income as income received: (1) in the month in which it was received, if the amount is less than \$80,000; (2) over a period of two months, if the amount is at least \$80,000 but less than \$90,000; (3) over a period of three months, if the amount is at least \$90,000 but less than \$100,000; and (4) over an additional one-month period for each increment of \$10,000 received, not to exceed 120 months.

An individual whose income exceeds the applicable eligibility threshold due to qualified lump sum income shall continue to be eligible for medical assistance to the extent that the state determines that denial of eligibility would cause undue medical or financial hardship.

With respect to an individual who loses eligibility due to qualified lump sum income, a state must provide specified notice and assistance related to the individual's potential enrollment in a qualified health plan under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Qualified lump sum income includes: (1) monetary winnings from gambling; (2) damages received in lump sums or periodic payments, excluding monthly payments, on account of causes of action other than those arising from personal physical injuries or sickness; and (3) income received as liquid assets from the estate of a deceased individual.

### Actions Timeline

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