

## S 2905

### Strengthening Partnerships to Prevent Opioid Abuse Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 22, 2018

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 22, 2018)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		May 22, 2018
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Sep 12, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 22, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6	Related bill	<b>Oct 24, 2018:</b> Became Public Law No: 115-271.
115 S 3120	Related bill	<b>Jun 25, 2018:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 484.
115 HR 5773	Related bill	<b>Jun 20, 2018:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 5715	Related bill	<b>Jun 12, 2018:</b> Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 115-737, Part I.

## **Strengthening Partnerships to Prevent Opioid Abuse Act of 2018**

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish a secure online portal to allow: (1) data sharing among the CMS, Medicare prescription drug benefit plans, and Medicare Advantage (MA) plans; and (2) referrals by such plans of suspicious activities related to fraud, waste, or abuse in order to initiate or assist investigations by contracted entities under the Medicare Integrity Program. The CMS must disseminate and report certain collected information to such plans, including information regarding providers that were referred through the portal and trends in identifying suspicious activity.

Additionally, for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, MA organizations must submit information to the CMS regarding credible evidence of suspected fraud or other actions taken by MA plans regarding inappropriate prescribing of opioids (as determined by the CMS).

### **Actions Timeline**

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