

## S 2920

### Commit to Opioid Medical Prescriber Accountability and Safety for Seniors Act of 2018

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]

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

## Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		May 22, 2018
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Aug 21, 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 S 3120	Related bill	Jun 25, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 484.
115 HR 5716	Related bill	Jun 12, 2018: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 574.

## **Commit to Opioid Medical Prescriber Accountability and Safety for Seniors Act of 2018**

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to identify outlier prescribers of opioids under the Medicare prescription drug benefit and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans. Specifically, the CMS must: (1) establish an opioid-prescription threshold for determining whether a prescriber is an outlier compared to other prescribers, based on specialty and geographic area; (2) use National Provider Identifiers (unique provider identification numbers currently included on claims for covered drugs) to identify outlier prescribers; and (3) annually notify identified outlier prescribers of their status and provide them with resources on proper prescribing methods. The CMS may also identify and notify outlier prescribers based on co-prescriptions of covered drugs that have adverse effects when used in combination with opioids. Persistent outlier prescribers are subject to additional requirements.

### **Actions Timeline**

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