

## HR 1277

State Public Option Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Dec 10, 2019)

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| Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]       | D · MA        |      | Feb 25, 2019 |

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| Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]               | D · MN        |      | Jul 24, 2020 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity                   | Date         |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Dec 10, 2019 |
| Ways and Means Committee      | House   | Referred to                | Feb 14, 2019 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|------------|----------------|---|
| 116 S 585  | Related bill   | <b>Feb 27, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 116 S 489  | Identical bill | <b>Feb 14, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 116 HR 584 | Related bill   | <b>Jan 25, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.              |

## Summary (as of Feb 14, 2019)

### State Public Option Act

This bill allows residents who are not already eligible for Medicaid and not concurrently enrolled in other health insurance coverage to buy into a state Medicaid plan beginning January 1, 2020, at the option of the state. State Medicaid programs may set premiums and cost-sharing requirements for such coverage in accordance with specified limitations.

The bill also (1) provides the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) to every state that expands Medicaid coverage for individuals who are newly eligible under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, regardless of when such expansion takes place; and (2) requires state Medicaid programs to cover comprehensive reproductive health care services, including abortion services.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 10, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 15, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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.
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.