

HR 1354

Territories Health Equity Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Feb 25, 2019
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Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Mar 14, 2019
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Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Mar 14, 2019
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Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Mar 14, 2019
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Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Mar 14, 2019
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Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Apr 12, 2019
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Apr 12, 2019
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Apr 12, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		May 1, 2019
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 11, 2019
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Sep 6, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Sep 11, 2019

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Sep 24, 2019
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Aug 11, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 26, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6495	Related bill	Apr 14, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 HR 3634	Related bill	Jul 10, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 1773	Related bill	Jun 11, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Feb 25, 2019)

Territories Health Equity Act of 2019

This bill alters provisions under Medicaid, Medicare, and Medicare Advantage relating to U.S. territories, and generally modifies and establishes programs to expand health insurance coverage for residents.

Among other things, the bill

- eliminates Medicaid funding limitations for U.S. territories beginning in FY2020;
- repeals provisions that exclude residents of Puerto Rico from a certain automatic enrollment process for Medicare medical services;
- establishes minimum criteria for certain elements used in Medicare Advantage payment calculations for areas within U.S. territories; and
- allows residents of U.S. territories who are unable to obtain health insurance through their employer or a health insurance exchange to instead obtain coverage through the District of Columbia exchange, including coverage that is available to Members of Congress and their staff.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 25, 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.