

## S 1423

### Medicare and Medicaid Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 13, 2019

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 13, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1423>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 13, 2019

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 13, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2951	Related bill	May 24, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 1393	Related bill	Mar 1, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 22	Related bill	Jan 3, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of May 13, 2019)

### Medicare and Medicaid Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2019

This bill provides for Medicare coverage of dental, vision, and hearing care. Coverage includes (1) routine dental cleanings and exams, basic and major dental services, emergency dental care, and dentures; (2) routine eye exams, eyeglasses, and contact lenses; and (3) routine hearing exams, hearing aids, and exams for hearing aids. With respect to such care, the bill establishes special payment rules, limitations, and coinsurance requirements.

The bill also increases the Medicaid Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for dental, vision, and hearing services.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 13, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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