

S 1531

STOP Surprise Medical Bills Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]

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

Cosponsors (30 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		May 16, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 16, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 16, 2019
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 16, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 16, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		May 16, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		May 16, 2019
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		May 16, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		May 16, 2019
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		May 16, 2019
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		May 16, 2019
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		May 20, 2019
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		May 20, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 20, 2019
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		May 23, 2019
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		May 23, 2019
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 23, 2019
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		May 23, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 23, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 23, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 4, 2019
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Jun 10, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jun 12, 2019
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jun 26, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 27, 2019
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 16, 2019
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Nov 19, 2019
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 11, 2020
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Feb 11, 2020
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 2, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 16, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Stopping The Outrageous Practice of Surprise Medical Bills Act of 2019 or the STOP Surprise Medical Bills Act of 2019

This bill prohibits health care providers and health insurance plans from billing enrollees in excess of the in-network amount for specified health care services provided out-of-network. Specifically, a plan or provider may not charge an enrollee more than the in-network amount for services that are

- emergency services provided by an out-of-network provider or at an out-of-network facility;
- nonemergency services provided at an in-network facility by an out-of-network provider; or
- nonemergency services provided out-of-network to an enrollee who initially enters through an emergency room for emergency services, except under specified circumstances.

Additionally, health insurance plans must pay the median in-network amount, minus the enrollee's in-network cost-sharing amount, directly to a health care provider. The bill also establishes an independent review process to resolve billing disputes between insurance plans and providers.

Actions Timeline

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