

S 1607

Medical Billing Fairness Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 22, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 22, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 22, 2019)

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This bill requires hospitals, as a condition of Medicare participation, to (1) allow in-network patients, when scheduling a nonemergency procedure, to request only in-network treatment; and (2) if in-network treatment is not available, pay for any additional costs to the patient or the patient's insurer.

Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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