

## S 1607

### Medical Billing Fairness Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 22, 2019

**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)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1607>

## 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)

### Medical Billing Fairness Act of 2019

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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