

## HR 1884

Protecting Pre-Existing Conditions and Making Health Care More Affordable Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 26, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 27, 2019)

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Apr 2, 2019
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Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Apr 2, 2019
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Apr 2, 2019
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Apr 2, 2019
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Apr 2, 2019
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Apr 2, 2019
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Apr 8, 2019
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Apr 8, 2019

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Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Apr 8, 2019
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Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Apr 8, 2019
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Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Apr 25, 2019
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Apr 25, 2019
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Apr 25, 2019
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Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Apr 25, 2019
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Apr 25, 2019
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Apr 25, 2019
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Apr 25, 2019
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Apr 25, 2019
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Apr 25, 2019
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Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		May 7, 2019
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		May 7, 2019
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		May 7, 2019
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		May 7, 2019
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		May 30, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		May 30, 2019
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		May 30, 2019
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Aug 6, 2019
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Aug 6, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		May 22, 2020
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Oct 1, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 26, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 27, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 26, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1425	Related bill	<b>Sep 8, 2020:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 523.
116 S 1905	Related bill	<b>Jun 19, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 S 1556	Related bill	<b>May 21, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 987	Related bill	<b>May 20, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 986	Related bill	<b>May 15, 2019:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 90.
116 HR 1010	Related bill	<b>May 10, 2019:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 29.
116 HR 1385	Related bill	<b>May 3, 2019:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 27.
116 HR 1386	Related bill	<b>May 3, 2019:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 28.
116 HR 1868	Related bill	<b>Mar 26, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
116 HR 1870	Related bill	<b>Mar 26, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
116 S 466	Related bill	<b>Feb 13, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 S 455	Related bill	<b>Feb 12, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Protecting Pre-Existing Conditions and Making Health Care More Affordable Act of 2019

This bill revises various requirements for private health insurance plans and associated plan-holder cost sharing. Specifically, the bill increases premium assistance for low-income households and specifies that the coverage affordability requirements for employer-sponsored plans extend to family members of employees based on the employee's required contribution as a percentage of the employee's income.

Further, the bill prohibits specified agency actions that would weaken the requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) with respect to (1) association health plans; (2) short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans; and (3) state applications to waive certain PPACA provisions. The bill also increases the minimum coverage requirements for private health insurance plans and requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to promote the availability of such plans. The health coverage navigator program also is revised to prioritize community and consumer-focused nonprofits and facilitate enrollment in federally supported insurance programs such as Medicaid. The bill establishes a fund for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to provide cost assistance to individuals who are enrolled in qualified health plans.

Additionally, the bill provides new and additional grant funding for states to (1) plan and establish health insurance exchanges, (2) provide consumer assistance about available health insurance plans and coverage, and (3) increase health insurance plan enrollment. HHS also must report on the annual expenditure of user fees collected through federally facilitated exchanges.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 27, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 26, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, 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.
- **Mar 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.