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Medicare Dental Benefit Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jan 3, 2019

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jan 3, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 5, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 12, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 13, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 25, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 3, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2951	Identical bill	May 24, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 1423	Related bill	May 13, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Jan 3, 2019)

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This bill provides for Medicare coverage of dental and oral health services, including routine diagnostic and preventive services, basic and major dental services, and emergency care; dental prostheses are also covered. Currently, such services are excluded from Medicare coverage.

Actions Timeline

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