

HR 2452

Medicare for America Act of 2019

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Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		May 1, 2019
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 1, 2019
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Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		May 1, 2019
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		May 1, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		May 9, 2019
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		May 22, 2019
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		May 22, 2019
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		May 30, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 20, 2019
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jul 10, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Jul 24, 2019
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Feb 14, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	May 1, 2019
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 2, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 10, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 748	Related bill	Jul 23, 2020: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-517.
116 S 3180	Related bill	Jan 9, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 2296	Related bill	Sep 24, 2019: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 170.
116 HR 4106	Related bill	Jul 31, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 964	Related bill	Apr 1, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of May 1, 2019)

Medicare for America Act of 2019

This bill establishes several health insurance programs and otherwise modifies certain requirements relating to health care coverage, costs, and services.

In particular, the bill establishes a national health insurance program to be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Among other requirements, the program must (1) cover all U.S. residents; (2) cover specified items and services, including hospital services, prescription drugs, dental services, and home- and community-based long-term care; and (3) be fully implemented in 2023. HHS must also offer a transitional public health option that provides certain minimum coverage through health insurance exchanges in 2021 and 2022.

The bill also makes a series of other changes to health care and tax provisions. For example, the bill (1) allows federal funds to be used for abortions; (2) sunsets a specified tax reform law that, among other things, repealed the penalty for failing to maintain minimum essential health coverage; and (3) prohibits excessive prices for prescription drugs and medical devices, as determined by a newly established federal regulatory board.

Actions Timeline

- **May 31, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
- **May 10, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **May 2, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 1, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 1, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, and House Administration, 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.