

## HR 259

Medicaid Extenders Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 4, 2019

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 116-3.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 116-3. (Jan 24, 2019)

**Law:** 116-3 (Enacted Jan 24, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/259>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Jan 4, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 4, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 4, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 260	Related bill	<b>Jan 31, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support.
116 HR 648	Related bill	<b>Jan 28, 2019:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 16.
116 HR 21	Related bill	<b>Jan 8, 2019:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 5.

## **Medicaid Extenders Act of 2019**

This bill alters several Medicaid programs and funding mechanisms.

(Sec. 2) The bill makes appropriations for FY2019 for, and otherwise revises, the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration Program. (Under this program, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services may award grants to state Medicaid programs to assist states in increasing the use of home and community care for long-term care and decreasing the use of institutional care.)

(Sec. 3) Additionally, the bill temporarily extends the applicability of Medicaid eligibility criteria that protect against spousal impoverishment for recipients of home and community-based services.

(Sec. 4) The bill reduces the federal medical assistance percentage (i.e., federal matching rate) for states that have not implemented asset-verification programs for determining Medicaid eligibility.

(Sec. 5) The bill also reduces funding available to the Medicaid Improvement Fund beginning in FY2021.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 24, 2019:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 24, 2019:** Became Public Law No: 116-3.
- **Jan 23, 2019:** Presented to President.
- **Jan 18, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jan 17, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S297)
- **Jan 17, 2019:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S297)
- **Jan 9, 2019:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Jan 8, 2019:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jan 8, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H234-237)
- **Jan 8, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 259.
- **Jan 8, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H235)
- **Jan 8, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H235)
- **Jan 8, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 4, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.

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