

HR 3253

Sustaining Excellence in Medicaid Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 13, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 13, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2379	Related bill	Jul 31, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 3276	Related bill	Jun 14, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 1342	Related bill	Feb 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 548	Related bill	Feb 25, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 233	Related bill	Jan 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Aug 6, 2019)

Sustaining Excellence in Medicaid Act of 2019

This bill extends several health care programs and requirements and revises certain Medicare drug payment methodologies.

(Sec. 2) The bill temporarily extends the Medicaid demonstration program for certified community behavioral health clinics.

(Sec. 3) The bill also 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 increases appropriations for FY2019 for the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration Program. (Under this program, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 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. 5) Additionally, the bill extends the Family-to-Family Health Information Centers Program, which is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration. The program awards grants to family-run organizations to support the provision of information and peer support to families of children with special health care needs.

(Sec. 6) Finally, the bill provides statutory authority for a Medicare payment methodology that applies an add-on payment of up to 3% for new drugs or biologics (furnished on or after January 1, 2019) when the average sales price is unavailable and payment is instead based on the wholesale acquisition cost (WAC). (Effective January 1, 2019, the CMS reduced the WAC add-on payment in such situations from 6% to 3%.)

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 6, 2019:** Signed by President.
- **Aug 6, 2019:** Became Public Law No: 116-39.
- **Aug 1, 2019:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 30, 2019:** Ms. Norton asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's Table and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H7477-7478)
- **Jul 30, 2019:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(text: CR H7477-7478)
- **Jul 30, 2019:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text: CR H7477-7478)
- **Jul 30, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5114)
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 19, 2019:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Jun 18, 2019:** Mrs. Dingell moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 18, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4706-4710)
- **Jun 18, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3253.
- **Jun 18, 2019:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 18, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4751)
- **Jun 18, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 371 - 46 (Roll no. 333).(text: CR H4706-4707)
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- **Jun 18, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 13, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 13, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.