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Nursing Home COVID-19 Protection and Prevention Act of 2020

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 19, 2020
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Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 19, 2020
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Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 19, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		May 19, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 19, 2020
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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 30, 2020
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Jul 23, 2020
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Aug 4, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 19, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6972	Related bill	May 22, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Summary (as of May 19, 2020)

Nursing Home COVID-19 Protection and Prevention Act of 2020

This bill establishes several programs and requirements to address the outbreak of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) in skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals.

Specifically, the bill provides specified funds for states to support cohorting (i.e., separating and grouping) individuals in such facilities based on COVID-19 status. States may use funds for specified items and activities, including testing kits, staffing, and facility development. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must issue related guidance that includes, among other things, which facilities are permitted to cohort individuals and strategies for effective implementation; such guidance must account for certain factors, including a facility's compliance with Medicare and Medicaid requirements regarding infection control and emergency preparedness.

The CMS must also (1) publish and update daily, on its website and on the Nursing Home Compare website, specified information relating to COVID-19 cases and deaths in these facilities; (2) ensure these facilities provide timely notice of new cases or symptoms to residents, families, and specified government agencies; and (3) provide monthly congressional briefings on the outbreak in these facilities and related agency actions.

Actions Timeline

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