

## S 3790

### Health Care Emergency Guarantee Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 20, 2020

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 20, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3790>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]

**Party:** Independent • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 20, 2020
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 20, 2020
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		May 20, 2020
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 20, 2020
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 20, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 20, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 29, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 20, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8020	Related bill	<b>Oct 6, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 4490	Related bill	<b>Aug 6, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 6906	Identical bill	<b>Jul 13, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Health Care Emergency Guarantee Act**

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to pay the out-of-pocket expenses of individuals receiving medically-necessary care or services during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic. Specifically, the bill covers the costs for services provided through public or private health insurance and to uninsured individuals, including prescription drugs and care related to COVID-19, beginning on the date of enactment of this bill until a COVID-19 vaccine is widely available to the public.

Health insurance plans are prohibited from increasing the cost-sharing requirements of plans while this program is in effect and HHS must report to Congress on the program on a weekly basis.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 20, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
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