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Home Health Payment Innovation Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

Party: Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (33 total)

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| Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA] | R · LA | | Feb 11, 2019 |
| Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL] | D · AL | | Feb 11, 2019 |
| Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA] | R · LA | | Feb 11, 2019 |
| Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY] | R · KY | | Feb 11, 2019 |
| Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH] | D · NH | | Feb 11, 2019 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI] | D · MI | | Feb 11, 2019 |
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| Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH] | D · NH | | Mar 25, 2019 |
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| Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN] | R · TN | | May 16, 2019 |
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| Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV] | D · WV | | Jul 18, 2019 |
| Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ] | D · AZ | | Jul 29, 2019 |
| Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC] | R · NC | | Jul 30, 2019 |
| Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME] | I · ME | | Jul 30, 2019 |
| Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI] | D · MI | | Jul 31, 2019 |
| Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD] | D · MD | | Aug 1, 2019 |
| Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV] | D · NV | | Sep 9, 2019 |
| Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND] | R · ND | | Sep 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM] | D · NM | | Sep 16, 2019 |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA] | D · MA | | Sep 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN] | D · MN | | Sep 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV] | R · WV | | Sep 18, 2019 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | Sep 24, 2019 |
| Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM] | D · NM | | Sep 26, 2019 |
| Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK] | R · OK | | Oct 15, 2019 |
| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT] | D · VT | | Oct 16, 2019 |
| Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL] | R · FL | | Nov 12, 2019 |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO] | D · CO | | Feb 4, 2020 |
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] | D · CA | | Mar 3, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Finance Committee | Senate | Referred To | Feb 11, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 2573 | Identical bill | May 9, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

Summary (as of Feb 11, 2019)

Home Health Payment Innovation Act of 2019

This bill makes a series of changes relating to payment and coverage of home health services under Medicare and Medicare Advantage (MA).

Specifically, the bill allows the home-confinement requirement (also known as the homebound requirement) for home health services to be waived under Medicare and MA. Currently, as a condition of eligibility for such services, a physician must certify that an individual has difficulty leaving home without assistance (e.g., a wheelchair, special transportation, or help from another person) due to an illness or injury.

The bill also alters the payment methodology under the Medicare prospective payment system for home health services, including by eliminating the requirement that such methodology include certain behavioral assumptions regarding the implementation of specified changes to units of payment and case-mix adjustment factors.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 11, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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