

S 4358

Stronger Medicaid Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jul 29, 2020

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jul 29, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/4358>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 29, 2020
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2020
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 29, 2020
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 29, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Aug 12, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 29, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8200	Related bill	Sep 14, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
116 S 4469	Related bill	Aug 6, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Stronger Medicaid Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Act

This bill allows COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) vaccines and treatment, as well as treatment for conditions that may complicate COVID-19 treatment, for uninsured individuals to be covered under Medicaid during the public health emergency. (Currently, state Medicaid programs have the option to cover COVID-19 testing for uninsured individuals.)

The bill also (1) specifically allows COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and treatment, as well as treatment for complicating conditions, for certain unlawful aliens to be covered under Medicaid during the public health emergency; and (2) specifies how the value and provision of COVID-19 assistance should be considered with respect to certain governmental programs and requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 29, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.