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Quit Because of COVID–19 Act

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Aug 12, 2020)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 12, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7286	Related bill	Jun 22, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Summary (as of Aug 12, 2020)

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This bill provides for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage of certain tobacco cessation services during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019), as well as for two years after the emergency period ends.

Specifically, the bill provides for coverage of diagnostic, therapy, and counseling services and pharmacotherapy, including prescription and nonprescription tobacco cessation agents, that are provided under medical supervision and in accordance with specified guidelines. The bill excludes such items and services from cost-sharing and applies an enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (i.e., federal matching rate).

Actions Timeline

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