

## S 466

### Protecting Americans with Pre-existing Conditions Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 13, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]

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

### Cosponsors (23 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 13, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 13, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 13, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 13, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 15, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		May 15, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 15, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 21, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 21, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 21, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 21, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 21, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		May 21, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 21, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 21, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 21, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 21, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 21, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		May 21, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 21, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 18, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 18, 2019
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Oct 15, 2019

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 13, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 986	Identical bill	<b>May 15, 2019:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 90.
116 HR 1884	Related bill	<b>Mar 27, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Feb 13, 2019)

### Protecting Americans with Pre-existing Conditions Act of 2019

This bill nullifies the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Health and Human Services guidance titled "State Relief and Empowerment Waivers," published on October 24, 2018. The guidance pertains to Section 1332 waivers (also known as State Innovation Waivers or State Relief and Empowerment Waivers), which allow states to forego certain requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in order to implement experimental plans for health care coverage, as long as the resulting coverage meets certain statutory criteria.

The guidance, which supersedes earlier guidance from 2015, alters agency interpretation of how states may satisfy the statutory criteria for waiver approval. For example, the guidance (1) redefines acceptable coverage under such waivers to include short-term, limited-duration insurance and association health plans; (2) allows the comprehensiveness and affordability of coverage under such waivers to be assessed based on projected availability, rather than enrollment; and (3) allows the level of coverage to be assessed based on the effects over the entire course of the waiver, rather than per year.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 13, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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