

HR 5189

BABIES Act

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

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Birth Access Benefiting Improved Essential Facility Services Act or the BABIES Act

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish a Medicaid demonstration program to improve freestanding birth center services for women with low-risk pregnancies.

Among other things, the CMS must (1) publish criteria for freestanding birth centers to participate in the program, including specified accreditation, licensure, and service requirements; (2) publish guidance for states to establish prospective payment systems under Medicaid for program participants; and (3) award planning grants for states to develop program proposals. The CMS may choose up to six states to participate in the program.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 21, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.