

HR 5826

Consumer Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (40 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Holding, George [R-NC-2]	R · NC		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Shalala, Donna E. [D-FL-27]	D · FL		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Feb 12, 2020
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Feb 12, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Feb 12, 2020
Rep. Murphy, Gregory [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Feb 12, 2020
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Feb 14, 2020
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Feb 14, 2020
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Mar 3, 2020
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Nov 5, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 10, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 10, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 11, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 10, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5807	Related bill	Feb 7, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 5809	Related bill	Feb 7, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 5816	Related bill	Feb 7, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 5817	Related bill	Feb 7, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 5192	Related bill	Nov 21, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 5121	Related bill	Nov 18, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Feb 10, 2020)

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This bill makes a series of changes related to health care costs and billing practices. Among other things, the bill

- applies the in-network cost-sharing amount to certain emergency and related nonemergency services that are provided out-of-network,
- applies the in-network cost-sharing amount to nonemergency services that are provided out-of-network at an in-network facility unless specified written notice requirements are met,
- establishes procedures for health insurance plans to negotiate reimbursement amounts paid to out-of-network providers in states without such a process,
- requires insurance plans to establish publicly available databases that list the contact information for in-network providers and facilities,
- requires health care providers and insurance plans to provide certain cost estimates for services scheduled at least three days in advance,
- requires plans to continue benefits for specified long-term care when an insurance plan's contractual relationship with a provider or facility changes or terminates,
- requires insurance plans to include specified consumer assistance and benefits information on a plan holder's membership card and maintain certain price comparison tools for in-network services,
- establishes reporting requirements related to air ambulance services,
- establishes a temporary income tax deduction for specified expenses resulting from out-of-network and emergency services.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 12, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 12, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 11, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Feb 10, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 10, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Labor, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Feb 10, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.