

## S 596

A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for direct payment to physician assistants under the Medicare program for certain services furnished by such physician assistants.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 28, 2019

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 28, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/596>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** WY • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Apr 4, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		May 14, 2019
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Sep 19, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 24, 2019
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Oct 15, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 11, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1052	Identical bill	<b>Feb 7, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

### Summary (as of Feb 28, 2019)

This bill allows direct payment, under the Medicare program, to physician assistants for certain services furnished to enrollees.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 28, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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