

## S 618

### Medicare Choices Empowerment and Protection Act

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 28, 2019

### Committee Activity

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

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Medicare Choices Empowerment and Protection Act**

This bill establishes a Medicare Advance Directive Certification Program. Under the program, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) shall grant accreditation to advance directive vendors that meet specified accreditation criteria.

The CMS shall establish procedures for an eligible beneficiary to register the adoption of a certified advance directive under the program. Beneficiary registration in the program shall be optional, but each eligible beneficiary who adopts and registers a certified advance directive shall receive a one-time incentive payment.

The CMS shall provide for related education and outreach.

## **Actions Timeline**

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