

HR 6674

Medicare Crisis Program Act of 2020

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Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Labor, and Armed Services, 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. (May 1, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]

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

Cosponsors (45 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 1, 2020
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 1, 2020
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		May 1, 2020
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		May 1, 2020
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		May 1, 2020
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		May 1, 2020
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		May 1, 2020
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		May 1, 2020
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		May 1, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		May 1, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 1, 2020
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		May 1, 2020
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 1, 2020
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		May 1, 2020
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		May 1, 2020
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		May 1, 2020
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		May 1, 2020
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 1, 2020
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		May 1, 2020
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		May 1, 2020
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		May 1, 2020
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		May 1, 2020
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		May 12, 2020
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		May 12, 2020
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		May 12, 2020
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		May 12, 2020
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jun 11, 2020

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jun 22, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2020
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jul 21, 2020
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Sep 1, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2020
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6739	Related bill	May 8, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.
116 HR 6727	Related bill	May 5, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Armed Services, 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.
116 HR 6640	Related bill	Apr 28, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.
116 HR 6539	Related bill	Apr 17, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 HR 6511	Related bill	Apr 14, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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This bill makes a series of changes to health insurance coverage and requirements during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

For example, the bill makes several changes to Medicare and Medicare Advantage (MA) during the public health emergency. Among other things, the bill

- allows all individuals who receive unemployment benefits, and their dependents, to enroll in Medicare if they otherwise do not have health insurance coverage;
- eliminates cost-sharing for COVID-19 drugs and treatment services under Medicare and MA;
- eliminates premiums under Medicare and caps overall cost-sharing under Medicare and MA; and
- establishes a national clearinghouse for the purchase and distribution of COVID-19 personal protective equipment for Medicare providers.

The bill also alters requirements under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and for private health insurers during the emergency. Among other things, the bill

- requires coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and treatment services under Medicaid and CHIP without cost-sharing;
- increases the Medicaid Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) that is otherwise applicable during the public health emergency, including for states experiencing economic downturns (i.e., high unemployment);
- requires private health insurers to cover COVID-19 treatment services without cost-sharing; and
- requires federal payment to health care providers for the cost of COVID-19 treatment services that are provided to uninsured individuals, based on Medicare payment rates.

Actions Timeline

- **May 1, 2020:** Introduced in House
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