

## HR 6698

### Quality Care for Nursing Home Residents and Workers During COVID–19 Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 5, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

**Latest Action:** 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. (May 5, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6698>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]

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

## Cosponsors (52 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		May 5, 2020
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		May 5, 2020
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		May 5, 2020
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		May 5, 2020
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		May 5, 2020
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		May 8, 2020
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		May 8, 2020
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		May 8, 2020
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		May 8, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		May 8, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 8, 2020
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		May 8, 2020
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		May 8, 2020
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		May 8, 2020
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		May 8, 2020
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		May 12, 2020
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		May 12, 2020
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		May 12, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 19, 2020
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		May 19, 2020
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		May 19, 2020
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		May 19, 2020
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		May 19, 2020
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		May 19, 2020
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		May 19, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 19, 2020
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		May 19, 2020
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		May 19, 2020
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		May 19, 2020
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		May 19, 2020
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		May 19, 2020
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		May 19, 2020
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Jun 1, 2020
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Jun 1, 2020
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jun 1, 2020
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jun 8, 2020
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jun 8, 2020

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Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jun 8, 2020
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jul 24, 2020
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Aug 18, 2020
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Dec 3, 2020
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Dec 9, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 5, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 5, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6872	Related bill	May 14, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 S 3644	Identical bill	May 7, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of May 5, 2020)

### Quality Care for Nursing Home Residents and Workers During COVID-19 Act of 2020

This bill modifies several requirements for Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and Medicaid nursing facilities (NFs) during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Specifically, SNFs and NFs must comply with specified quality of care, worker safety, and transparency requirements, subject to civil penalties. Requirements include (1) testing residents and employees for COVID-19 weekly or before shifts, respectively, and reporting any lack of available testing kits on a daily basis; (2) providing at least two weeks of paid sick leave to each employee; and (3) reporting the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths, including demographic information, on a daily basis.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must also distribute funds to allow states to establish strike teams that may be deployed to SNFs and NFs within 72 hours of three or more COVID-19 diagnoses to help separate those who have been exposed, supervise testing, and ensure enforcement of whistleblower protections, among other needs. Teams must include members of the National Guard, public health officials, medical experts, and representatives of residents and workers.

## **Actions Timeline**

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