

HR 6837

Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payments Improvement Act of 2020

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Policy Area: Health

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

Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		May 12, 2020
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		May 12, 2020
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		May 12, 2020
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		May 15, 2020
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		May 15, 2020
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		May 15, 2020
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		May 22, 2020
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		May 22, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 22, 2020
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		May 22, 2020
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Jun 8, 2020
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jun 8, 2020
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jun 8, 2020
Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Torres Small, Xochitl [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Jun 25, 2020
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Jun 30, 2020
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jul 21, 2020
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Jul 21, 2020
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Aug 11, 2020
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Aug 21, 2020
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Aug 21, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 12, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 12, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3750	Related bill	May 14, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payments Improvement Act of 2020

This bill establishes and otherwise modifies requirements for the Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payment Program during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). The program provides Medicare payments in advance to eligible providers experiencing claims or cash flow disruptions, such as during national emergencies; the program was specifically expanded in response to COVID-19 to encompass more types of providers, subject to certain recoupment and repayment provisions.

Under the current program, recoupment of advance payments (through claims offsets) begins up to four months after the payment is made. Additionally, certain hospitals have one year to repay the full amount; other types of providers have seven months. Repayments made after this period are subject to the prevailing interest rate set by the Department of the Treasury (generally around 10% in FY2020).

The bill delays recoupment for one year and caps the recoupment at 25% of a claim. The bill also gives all providers up to two years for full repayment and caps the interest rate at 1%. Additionally, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) may waive repayment entirely upon a demonstration of extreme hardship, among other factors.

The bill also requires the CMS to continue to make the program available to providers of Medicare medical services for the duration of the public health emergency. (The CMS suspended the program for such providers on April 26, 2020.)

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