

## HR 6906

### Health Care Emergency Guarantee Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 15, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 13, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6906>

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| Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]           | D · VT        |      | Jun 11, 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. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]           | D · NY        |      | Jul 27, 2020 |
| Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]               | D · IL        |      | Sep 1, 2020  |
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| Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]                 | D · CA        |      | Oct 23, 2020 |
| Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]                   | D · WA        |      | Oct 23, 2020 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                                 | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Armed Services Committee                  | House   | Referred To | May 15, 2020 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee             | House   | Referred To | May 15, 2020 |
| Natural Resources Committee               | House   | Referred to | Jun 10, 2020 |
| Oversight and Government Reform Committee | House   | Referred To | May 15, 2020 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee               | House   | Referred to | Jul 13, 2020 |
| Ways and Means Committee                  | House   | Referred To | May 15, 2020 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 116 HR 8020 | Related bill   | <b>Oct 6, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 116 S 4490  | Related bill   | <b>Aug 6, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.                                 |
| 116 S 3790  | Identical bill | <b>May 20, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

### Summary (as of May 15, 2020)

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#### Health Care Emergency Guarantee Act

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to pay the out-of-pocket expenses of individuals receiving medically-necessary care or services during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic. Specifically, the bill covers the costs for services provided through public or private health insurance and to uninsured individuals, including prescription drugs and care related to COVID-19, beginning on the date of enactment of this bill until a COVID-19 vaccine is widely available to the public.

Health insurance plans are prohibited from increasing the cost-sharing requirements of plans while this program is in effect and HHS must report to Congress on the program on a weekly basis.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 13, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 10, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **May 15, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **May 15, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Veterans' Affairs, Armed Services, Oversight and Reform, and Natural Resources, 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.