

## HR 6951

### COVID-19 Recovery for Seniors and People with Disabilities Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

**Introduced:** May 19, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. (Aug 13, 2020)

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## Sponsor

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

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

## Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		May 19, 2020
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		May 19, 2020
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		May 19, 2020
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		May 19, 2020
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		May 19, 2020
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		May 19, 2020
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Sep 25, 2020
Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Oct 23, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2020
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 19, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 19, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 19, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3740	Related bill	May 14, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **COVID-19 Recovery for Seniors and People with Disabilities Act of 2020**

This bill modifies Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs for older adults and individuals with disabilities, including by revising eligibility criteria and administrative procedures.

Among other changes, the bill permanently increases relevant income thresholds and asset limits that apply to SSDI, as well as temporarily suspends certain waiting periods that apply to SSDI, SSI, and Medicare coverage to address the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency. The bill also establishes a special Medicare enrollment period and temporarily suspends asset tests used to determine eligibility for certain low-income subsidy programs under the Medicare prescription drug benefit. In addition, the bill delays the application of a reduced federal matching rate under Medicaid for certain personal care services that require an in-home visit.

Additionally, the Social Security Administration (SSA) shall not conduct most disability reviews, collect overpayments, suspend benefits, or undertake specified administrative actions during the COVID-19 emergency. The SSA and the Department of Education must also develop a process to automatically discharge the student loan debt of certain SSDI beneficiaries who have medically determined physical or mental impairments that are unlikely to improve.

In addition, state agencies may modify practices to achieve contactless delivery of food packages to supplement the diets of older, low-income individuals under the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 13, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
- **May 19, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **May 19, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, and Agriculture, 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.