

## HR 6972

### Nursing Home COVID-19 Protection and Prevention Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 22, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (May 22, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6972>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		May 22, 2020
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		May 22, 2020
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 22, 2020
Rep. Shalala, Donna E. [D-FL-27]	D · FL		May 22, 2020
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jun 8, 2020
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jun 29, 2020
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Aug 4, 2020
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Sep 4, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 22, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3768	Related bill	May 19, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Nursing Home COVID-19 Protection and Prevention Act of 2020**

This bill establishes several programs and requirements to address the outbreak of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) in skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals.

Specifically, the bill provides specified funds for states to support cohorting (i.e., separating and grouping) individuals in such facilities based on COVID-19 status. States may use funds for specified items and activities, including testing kits, staffing, and facility development. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must issue related guidance that includes, among other things, which facilities are permitted to cohort individuals and strategies for effective implementation; such guidance must account for certain factors, including a facility's compliance with Medicare and Medicaid requirements regarding infection control and emergency preparedness.

The CMS must also provide monthly congressional briefings on the outbreak in these facilities and related agency actions.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 22, 2020:** Introduced in House
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