

HR 8496

SPEEDY COVID-19 Tests Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Oct 1, 2020

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

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. (Oct 1, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 1, 2020
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Oct 1, 2020
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Oct 1, 2020
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Oct 1, 2020
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Oct 1, 2020
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Oct 1, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Oct 1, 2020
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Nov 17, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Nov 17, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 1, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 1, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Strictly Pay for Efficient and Expedited Delivery of Your COVID-19 Tests Act or the SPEEDY COVID-19 Tests Act

This bill establishes and otherwise modifies requirements relating to Medicare payments for specified laboratory diagnostic tests during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

In particular, the bill requires laboratories, as a condition of Medicare participation, to furnish COVID-19 test results to health care providers within 28 days of when the test was ordered. The bill also adjusts payments based on how quickly laboratories return test results. For example, the bill increases payments for laboratories that return test results within 24 hours, but prohibits payment for results that take 72 hours or longer.

Actions Timeline

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