

HR 986

Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (19 total)

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Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Mar 27, 2019
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Mar 27, 2019
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Mar 27, 2019
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Apr 2, 2019
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Apr 8, 2019
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Apr 12, 2019
Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Apr 29, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 27, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 6, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1425	Related bill	Sep 8, 2020: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 523.
116 HRES 357	Related bill	May 9, 2019: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
116 HR 1884	Related bill	Mar 27, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 466	Identical bill	Feb 13, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of May 9, 2019)

Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act of 2019

(Sec. 3) This bill nullifies guidance from the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Health and Human Services titled *State Relief and Empowerment Waivers*, published on October 24, 2018. The guidance pertains to Section 1332 waivers (also known as State Innovation Waivers or State Relief and Empowerment Waivers), which allow states to forego certain requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in order to implement experimental plans for health care coverage, as long as the resulting coverage meets certain statutory criteria.

The guidance, which supersedes earlier guidance from 2015, alters agency interpretation of how states may satisfy the statutory criteria for waiver approval. For example, the guidance (1) redefines acceptable coverage under such waivers to include short-term, limited-duration insurance and association health plans; (2) allows the comprehensiveness and affordability of coverage under such waivers to be assessed based on projected availability, rather than enrollment; and (3) allows the level of coverage to be assessed based on the effects over the entire course of the waiver, rather than per year.

(Sec. 4) The Government Accountability Office must report on the number of individuals that would have been expected to lose access to health insurance coverage, as well as the expected effect on mental health care treatment, in the absence of this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2019:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 90.
- **May 14, 2019:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **May 9, 2019:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 357. (consideration: CR H3519-3550)
- **May 9, 2019:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 986 and H.R. 2157. Specified amendments are in order. Provides for consideration of H.R. 986 and H.R. 2157 both under structured rules. One hour of general debate provided for each measure.
- **May 9, 2019:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Jesus G. "Chuy" Garcia to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **May 9, 2019:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 357 and Rule XVIII.
- **May 9, 2019:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 986.
- **May 9, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 357, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Langevin amendment No. 1.
- **May 9, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 357, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Brown (MD) amendment No. 2.
- **May 9, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Brown (MD) amendment, the Chair put the question on the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Brown (MD) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on agreeing to the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 9, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 357, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Pressley amendment No. 3.
- **May 9, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 357, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Harder amendment No. 4.
- **May 9, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 357, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Walden amendment No. 5.
- **May 9, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 357, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Holding amendment No. 7.
- **May 9, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Holding amendment No. 7, the Chair put the question on the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Pallone demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on agreeing to the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 9, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 357, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Porter amendment No. 8.
- **May 9, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 357, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Pappas amendment No. 9.
- **May 9, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 357, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rouda amendment No. 10.
- **May 9, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 357, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Malinowski amendment No. 11.
- **May 9, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Malinowski amendment, the Chair put the question on the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Malinowski demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on agreeing to the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 9, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 357, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Wild amendment No. 12.
- **May 9, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Wild amendment, the Chair put the question on the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Ms. Wild demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on agreeing to the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 9, 2019:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 986.
- **May 9, 2019:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **May 9, 2019:** Mr. Walden moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. (text: CR H3548)

May 9, 2019: DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Walden motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to prohibit the Secretary of HHS to waive protections for individuals with preexisting conditions, including guaranteed availability and renewability of health insurance, the prohibition on using health status to vary premiums, and the prohibition on preexisting conditions exclusions.

- **May 9, 2019:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.
- **May 9, 2019:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 182 - 231 (Roll no. 195).
- **May 9, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 230 - 183, 1 Present (Roll no. 196).
- **May 9, 2019:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 230 - 183, 1 Present (Roll no. 196).
- **May 9, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 7, 2019:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 357 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 986 and H.R. 2157. Specified amendments are in order. Provides for consideration of H.R. 986 and H.R. 2157 both under structured rules. One hour of general debate provided for each measure.
- **Apr 30, 2019:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-44, Part I.
- **Apr 30, 2019:** Committee on Ways and Means discharged.
- **Apr 30, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 22.
- **Apr 3, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 3, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 27, 2019:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 27, 2019:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 13 .
- **Feb 7, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2019:** 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.
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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