

S 1238

Access to Contraception for Servicemembers and Dependents Act of 2021

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Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Apr 20, 2021
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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 20, 2021
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Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 20, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Apr 22, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Apr 27, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		May 11, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 20, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2709	Related bill	Apr 20, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

Summary (as of Apr 20, 2021)

Access to Contraception for Servicemembers and Dependents Act of 2021

This bill addresses Department of Defense (DOD) contraceptive care and family planning services.

Specifically, the bill prohibits cost-sharing requirements with respect to TRICARE beneficiaries for specified prescription contraceptives.

Additionally, the bill prohibits cost-sharing requirements for TRICARE Select and TRICARE Prime beneficiaries in relation to any in-network method of contraception or contraceptive care (including with respect to insertion, removal, and follow-up), any sterilization procedure, or any related patient education or counseling service.

The bill requires DOD to provide information on all methods of emergency contraception and care to sexual assault survivors at its medical treatment facilities. Upon request by a sexual assault survivor, DOD must provide such emergency contraception or a prescription for emergency contraception.

Finally, DOD must establish a uniform standard curriculum for education programs on family planning for all members of the Armed Forces. Such education programs must be provided to service members during their first year of service and at other appropriate times, as determined by each military department.

Actions Timeline

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