

## S 149

A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide Secretarial authority to temporarily waive or modify application of certain Medicare requirements with respect to ambulance services furnished during certain emergency periods.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 2, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 2, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/149>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 2, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 2, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1319	Related bill	<b>Mar 11, 2021:</b> Became Public Law No: 117-2.
117 HR 1609	Related bill	<b>Mar 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

### Summary (as of Feb 2, 2021)

This bill allows for Medicare payment of ground ambulance services that did not result in the actual transport of an individual to a permitted facility, if the lack of transport was due to community-wide COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) protocols for emergency medical services during the public health emergency.

### Actions Timeline

- Feb 2, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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