

S 1524

Health Care PRICE Transparency Act

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 29, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3029	Related bill	May 10, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Health Care Prices Revealed and Information to Consumers Explained Transparency Act or the Health Care PRICE Transparency Act

This bill provides statutory authority for requirements for hospitals and health insurance plans to disclose certain information about the costs for items and services.

Specifically, hospitals must publish in their list of standard charges certain rates negotiated with insurers, discounts for cash payments, and billing codes. Further, hospitals generally must publish the standard charges for the services provided by the hospital that may be scheduled in advance.

Additionally, insurance plans must publish the in-network and out-of-network charges for covered items and services and the negotiated prices for covered prescription drugs. Plans must provide a tool for consumers to search for this cost information. Consumers also may request additional information about the costs of specific items or services under their plans.

Actions Timeline

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