

S 1536

Medical Nutrition Therapy Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

Party: Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		May 10, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 14, 2021
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 21, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Oct 7, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Dec 16, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 7, 2022
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 16, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 10, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3108	Related bill	May 12, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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This bill expands Medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

Currently, Medicare covers such services for individuals with diabetes or kidney disease under certain circumstances; such services must also be provided by a registered dietitian or nutrition professional pursuant to a physician referral. The bill extends coverage to individuals with other diseases and conditions, including obesity, eating disorders, cancer, and HIV/AIDS; such services may also be referred by a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or (for eating disorders) a clinical psychologist.

Actions Timeline

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