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### Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 8, 2021

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jun 8, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1971>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor              | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|
| Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO] | R · MO        |      | Jun 8, 2021 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee         | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Finance Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jun 8, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action  |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 117 HR 4065 | Related bill | <b>Jun 23, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

### Summary (as of Jun 8, 2021)

#### Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act of 2021

This bill modifies provisions relating to Medicare coverage of treatments for chronic kidney disease.

Specifically, the bill expands the Medicare annual wellness visit to include chronic kidney disease screening and allows certain Medicare beneficiaries who have End Stage Renal Disease to enroll in Medicare supplemental policies. It also (1) provides for alternative payment methodologies for certain new drugs, biologics, and devices that are renal dialysis services; (2) revises quality measures; (3) establishes an incentive payment methodology; and (4) increases access to kidney disease education services.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 8, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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