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State Public Option Act

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Sponsor

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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Aug 5, 2021
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 5, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4974	Identical bill	**Aug 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HR 340	Related bill	**Jan 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Aug 5, 2021)

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This bill allows residents who are not already eligible for Medicaid and not concurrently enrolled in other health insurance coverage to buy into a state Medicaid plan beginning January 1, 2022, at the option of the state. State Medicaid programs may set premiums and cost-sharing requirements for such coverage in accordance with specified limitations.

The bill also (1) provides the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (i.e., federal matching rate) to every state that expands Medicaid coverage for individuals who are newly eligible under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, regardless of when such expansion takes place; and (2) requires state Medicaid programs to cover comprehensive reproductive health care services, including abortion services.

Actions Timeline

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