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Stronger Medicaid Response to the COVID–19 Pandemic Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 8, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 8, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 8, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 8, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 8, 2021

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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This bill allows COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) vaccines, prevention, and treatment, as well as prevention and treatment for conditions that may complicate COVID-19 treatment, for uninsured individuals to be covered under Medicaid during the public health emergency. (Currently, state Medicaid programs have the option to cover COVID-19 testing for uninsured individuals.)

The bill also (1) specifically allows COVID-19 testing, vaccines, prevention, and treatment, as well as prevention and treatment for complicating conditions, for certain unlawful aliens to be covered under Medicaid during the public health emergency; and (2) specifies how the value and provision of COVID-19 assistance should be considered with respect to certain governmental programs and requirements.

Actions Timeline

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