

S 3295

PrEP Access and Coverage Act

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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 6, 2022
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Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 8, 2022
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 12, 2022
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 12, 2022
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Sep 12, 2022
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 12, 2022
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Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 19, 2022
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 19, 2022
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Sep 21, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 1, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7585	Related bill	Jun 29, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 4486	Related bill	Jun 23, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 6117	Identical bill	Jan 6, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Dec 1, 2021)

PrEP Access and Coverage Act

This bill requires private health insurance plans to cover prescription drugs that prevent HIV, including related screenings, diagnostic procedures, administrative fees, and clinical follow-ups, without any cost-sharing obligation for the plan holder. Further, insurance plans must not impose any preauthorization requirement for this coverage. These coverage requirements also apply to public health insurance programs, including Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Additionally, the bill prohibits denying, limiting, or qualifying coverage or increasing premiums for disability insurance, long-term care insurance, or life insurance policies based on an individual taking medication for HIV prevention.

The bill further requires the Department of Health and Human Services to award grants to states, or directly to eligible local organizations, to provide uninsured individuals and underinsured individuals access to prescription drugs and related services that prevent HIV. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also must develop a public awareness campaign that focuses efforts in communities with a high need for HIV prevention treatment.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 1, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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