

## S 333

### COVID-19 Nursing Home Protection Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 22, 2021)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]

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

## Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 9, 2021

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 22, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2319	Related bill	Apr 2, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

### Summary (as of Feb 22, 2021)

#### COVID-19 Nursing Home Protection Act of 2021

This bill provides funds and establishes requirements for Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and Medicaid nursing facilities (NFs) to address COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Specifically, the bill provides FY2021 funding for COVID-19 strike teams that can be deployed to these facilities to help with vaccinations, clinical care, infection control, or staffing. The amounts provided by the bill are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO) and the Senate PAYGO rule. (This excludes the budget effects from being counted for the purposes of enforcing the PAYGO rules.)

In addition, the bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to ensure that, during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19, at least one of its contracts with Medicare quality improvement organizations requires that the organization assist SNFs with COVID-19 infection control (e.g., training materials).

Finally, the bill provides statutory authority for the requirement that SNFs and NFs report data regarding COVID-19 preparedness, testing, infections, and deaths. Additionally, the CMS must publish on the Nursing Home Compare website certain demographic information, aggregated by state, with respect to COVID-19 infections and deaths in such facilities.

### Actions Timeline

- **Feb 22, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 22, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.