

## S 3344

### Protecting the American Taxpayer and Medicare Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Dec 8, 2021

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

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

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Dec 8, 2021
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Dec 8, 2021
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Dec 8, 2021
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Dec 8, 2021
Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]	R · TN		Dec 8, 2021
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Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Dec 8, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Dec 8, 2021
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Dec 8, 2021
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Dec 8, 2021
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Dec 8, 2021
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Dec 9, 2021

### Committee Activity

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

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6144	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 S 610	Related bill	<b>Dec 10, 2021:</b> Became Public Law No: 117-71.
117 HR 6143	Related bill	<b>Dec 8, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Dec 8, 2021)

### Protecting the American Taxpayer and Medicare Act

This bill makes several budgetary and technical changes, particularly in relation to Medicare.

Specifically, the bill continues to exempt Medicare from sequestration until March 31, 2022. (Sequestration is a process of automatic, usually across-the-board spending reductions under which budgetary resources are permanently cancelled to enforce specific budget policy goals.)

Additionally, the bill (1) temporarily extends other provisions under Medicare, including a payment increase under the physician fee schedule; and (2) requires any debits recorded for FY2022 on the statutory pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) scorecards to be deducted from the scorecards for 2022 and added to the scorecards for 2023.

### Actions Timeline

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