

## S 386

Medicare-X Choice Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 23, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]

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

### Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 22, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 23, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 833	Related bill	<b>Mar 18, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 1227	Related bill	<b>Feb 24, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HR 369	Related bill	<b>Feb 4, 2021:</b> Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H332)

## Summary (as of Feb 23, 2021)

### Medicare-X Choice Act of 2021

This bill establishes and funds the Medicare Exchange health plan, which allows individuals who are not otherwise eligible for Medicare to enroll in a government-administered health insurance plan. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must offer such plan in certain individual health insurance exchanges beginning plan year 2022 and offer it in all individual health insurance exchanges beginning plan year 2025. CMS must offer the plan in the small group market in all geographic areas for plan year 2025.

The plan must cover primary care services without cost sharing and meet the same requirements, including essential health benefits, as existing health insurance exchange plans.

Unless they opt out, health care providers enrolled under Medicare or under a state Medicaid plan must participate in the plan and are reimbursed at Medicare rates.

The bill establishes a grants program for community organizations, educational institutions, and health agencies to create service partnerships and establish interactive data systems for health care providers.

Additionally, the bill expands the premium tax credit available for plans purchased through an exchange and eliminates the restriction on the Department of Health and Human Services negotiating prescription drug prices for Medicare.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 23, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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