

S 4347

Affordability is Access Act

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

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Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 26, 2022
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 26, 2022
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 26, 2022
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Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		May 26, 2022
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		May 26, 2022
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 26, 2022
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		May 26, 2022
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 26, 2022
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 26, 2022
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 26, 2022
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 26, 2022
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 26, 2022
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 26, 2022
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 26, 2022
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 26, 2022
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 26, 2022
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 26, 2022
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 26, 2022
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 26, 2022
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 26, 2022
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 26, 2022
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 7, 2022
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 7, 2022
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2022
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 7, 2022
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 7, 2022
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 21, 2022
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Sep 7, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 26, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7894	Identical bill	May 27, 2022: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Summary (as of May 26, 2022)

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This bill establishes several requirements relating to health insurance coverage of, and access to, over-the-counter contraceptives.

Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, and the Department of the Treasury to specify that private health insurance plans must cover over-the-counter contraceptives that are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), even without a prescription. Under current law, private health insurance plans (with some exceptions) must cover FDA-approved prescription contraceptives, without cost-sharing requirements.

The bill also prohibits retailers from interfering with an individual's access to oral contraceptives that are meant for routine, daily use and are FDA-approved for use without a prescription.

Actions Timeline

- **May 26, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
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