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Ensuring Kids Have Access to Medically Necessary Dental Care Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Feb 25, 2021

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S8)

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S892-894) (Feb 25, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 25, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 25, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1792	Identical bill	Mar 12, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Feb 25, 2021)

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This bill modifies dental coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Specifically, the bill prohibits lifetime or annual limits on CHIP dental coverage. It also requires states to offer dental-only supplemental coverage under CHIP to children who have other health insurance but are otherwise eligible for CHIP (i.e., wraparound coverage); such coverage is currently at the option of the state.

Actions Timeline

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