

HR 4937

Disaster Relief Medicaid Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Aug 6, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Aug 9, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Aug 6, 2021
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Aug 6, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 24, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Sep 24, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Sep 24, 2021
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Sep 24, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Sep 24, 2021
Rep. Kahele, Kaiali'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Oct 5, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Oct 5, 2021
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Oct 5, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Oct 5, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 5, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Dec 16, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Sep 20, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 9, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 6, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2646	Identical bill	Aug 5, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Aug 6, 2021)

Disaster Relief Medicaid Act

This bill establishes a series of programs and requirements relating to Medicaid coverage of individuals affected by a federally declared major disaster.

In particular, the bill provides for specific disaster relief coverage under Medicaid for individuals who meet specified income eligibility standards and, during the seven-day period preceding the disaster, were either residents of the impacted area or were employed in the impacted area (and subsequently lost employment). Coverage is effective for two years after the date of the disaster declaration.

State Medicaid programs must provide disaster relief coverage that is at least as comprehensive as the state's Medicaid coverage and the Medicaid coverage of the individual's home state, as applicable. The bill applies a 100% Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (i.e., federal matching rate) to such coverage and related administrative expenses.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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.
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.