

HR 4974

State Public Option 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. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Aug 13, 2021

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 2639	Identical bill	Aug 5, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 340	Related bill	Jan 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Aug 6, 2021)

State Public Option Act

This bill allows residents who are not already eligible for Medicaid and not concurrently enrolled in other health insurance coverage to buy into a state Medicaid plan beginning January 1, 2022, at the option of the state. State Medicaid programs may set premiums and cost-sharing requirements for such coverage in accordance with specified limitations.

The bill also (1) provides the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (i.e., federal matching rate) to every state that expands Medicaid coverage for individuals who are newly eligible under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, regardless of when such expansion takes place; and (2) requires state Medicaid programs to cover comprehensive reproductive health care services, including abortion services.

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.