

HR 5011

Choose Medicare Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8] | D · VA | | Aug 13, 2021 |
| Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2] | D · PA | | Aug 13, 2021 |
| Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3] | D · PA | | Aug 13, 2021 |
| Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2] | D · CA | | Aug 13, 2021 |
| Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1] | D · CT | | Aug 13, 2021 |
| Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10] | D · NJ | | Aug 13, 2021 |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC | | Sep 21, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Aug 13, 2021 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Aug 16, 2021 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Aug 13, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 1180 | Identical bill | Apr 15, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish public health insurance plans and addresses health insurance costs. Such public plans must be offered on health insurance exchanges and (1) meet the requirements of a qualified health plan; (2) cover benefits at the gold plan level; and (3) cover reproductive services, including abortions.

Additionally, the bill makes a series of changes related to health insurance costs, including

- requiring employers to refer employees to health care navigators to assist with enrollment,
- establishing an annual limit on out-of-pocket costs for services under Medicare,
- providing HHS with the authority to negotiate prices under the Medicare prescription drug benefit program,
- expanding the premium-assistance credit by benchmarking the credit amount to the second-lowest cost gold plan and increasing the income threshold for eligibility,
- requiring qualified health plans to reduce cost sharing for low-income plan holders,
- providing funding for states to provide reinsurance to health insurance issuers and to assist individuals with out-of-pocket costs for plans offered through health insurance exchanges,
- applying the premium rate-setting requirements to large group health plans, and
- requiring HHS or states to take corrective actions to address unreasonable premium rates set by insurance issuers.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 16, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 13, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 13, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, 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.
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