

## HR 533

Stop COVID–19 Test Surprise Medical Bills Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 28, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 2, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/533>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]

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

### Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Nov 18, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 28, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 28, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2411	Related bill	<b>Jul 21, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Summary (as of Jan 28, 2021)

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### Stop COVID-19 Test Surprise Medical Bills Act of 2021

This bill modifies provisions requiring health insurance plans to cover COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) diagnostic testing services at no cost, without prior authorization, and without medical management requirements. The bill specifies that a plan may not make determinations about the circumstances surrounding individuals' tests, such as why they sought testing or whether they showed symptoms of COVID-19. The bill also specifies that plans may encourage individuals to obtain tests from lower priced providers as long as such efforts do not delay, or impede access to, testing.

The bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to survey and report on the cash prices of testing services and the compliance of providers with the requirement to publish such prices.

Additionally, HHS, jointly with the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Labor, must issue guidance clarifying the process for submitting claims for testing services.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 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.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.