

## S 596

Treat and Reduce Obesity Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Mar 4, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/596>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]

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

### Cosponsors (22 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Apr 13, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 14, 2021
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Dec 16, 2021
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 17, 2022
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		May 5, 2022
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 24, 2022
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 18, 2022
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 6, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 4, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1577	Identical bill	<b>Mar 4, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Mar 4, 2021)

### Treat and Reduce Obesity Act of 2021

This bill expands Medicare coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity. Specifically, the bill allows coverage for therapy that is provided by (1) a physician who is not a primary care physician; or (2) other health care providers (e.g., physician assistants and nurse practitioners) and approved counseling programs, if provided upon a referral from, and in coordination with, a physician or primary care practitioner. Currently, such therapy is covered only if provided by a primary care practitioner.

The bill also allows coverage under Medicare's prescription drug benefit of drugs used for the treatment of obesity or for weight loss management for individuals who are overweight.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 4, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 4, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.