

## S 779

### Protecting Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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## Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors (29 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 16, 2021
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Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 16, 2021
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Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 16, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 16, 2021

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 16, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2149	Identical bill	Mar 24, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Protecting Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions Act of 2021**

This bill nullifies specified guidance and final rule provisions pertaining to Section 1332 waivers (also known as State Innovation Waivers or State Relief and Empowerment Waivers) issued by the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Health and Human Services. The provisions allow states to forego certain requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in order to implement experimental plans for health care coverage, as long as the resulting coverage meets certain statutory criteria.

The provisions, which supersede earlier guidance from 2015, alter agency interpretation of how states may satisfy the statutory criteria for waiver approval. For example, the provisions (1) redefine acceptable coverage under such waivers to include short-term, limited-duration insurance and association health plans; (2) allow the comprehensiveness and affordability of coverage under such waivers to be assessed based on projected availability, rather than enrollment; and (3) allow the level of coverage to be assessed based on the effects over the entire course of the waiver, rather than per year.

### **Actions Timeline**

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