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Protecting Seniors Access to Health Care Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Mar 23, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]

Party: Republican • **State:** WY • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 24, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 23, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 935	Related bill	Mar 23, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 1999	Related bill	Mar 18, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Oversight and Reform, the Budget, 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.
117 HR 1953	Related bill	Mar 17, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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This bill modifies funding and eligibility for various benefits and programs, including several established under COVID-19 relief laws.

With respect to funding, the bill

- provides supplemental funding for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund to reimburse certain health care providers for expenses or lost revenue attributed to COVID-19; and
- rescinds certain unobligated funds that were provided to the Department of the Treasury for payments to state, tribal, and territorial governments to mitigate fiscal impacts of COVID-19.

The bill also applies certain modified payment limits to certain rural health clinics that enrolled in, or applied to enroll in, Medicare in calendar year 2020.

Furthermore, the bill prohibits individuals who were unlawfully present in the United States on March, 11, 2021, from receiving

- premium subsidies in the event they lose employer-sponsored health insurance due to involuntary termination or a reduction in hours, or
- direct payments provided to certain taxpayers to mitigate financial hardship during the COVID-19 emergency.

The bill also prohibits individuals who were incarcerated on that date from receiving the direct payments.

Actions Timeline

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