

HR 9655

Medicare for America Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Education and Labor, and House Administration, 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. (Dec 21, 2022)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Dec 21, 2022
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Dec 21, 2022
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Dec 21, 2022
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Dec 21, 2022
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Dec 22, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Dec 21, 2022
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 21, 2022
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 21, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 21, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 21, 2022
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 21, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 898	Related bill	Mar 23, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill establishes several health insurance programs and otherwise modifies certain requirements relating to health care coverage, costs, and services.

In particular, the bill establishes a national health insurance program to be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Among other requirements, the program must (1) cover all U.S. residents; (2) cover specified items and services, including hospital services, prescription drugs, dental services, and home- and community-based long-term care; and (3) be fully implemented in 2026. HHS must also offer a transitional public health option that provides certain minimum coverage through health insurance exchanges in 2024 and 2025.

The bill also makes a series of other changes to health care and tax provisions. For example, the bill (1) allows federal funds to be used for abortions; (2) sunsets a specified tax reform law that, among other things, repealed the penalty for failing to maintain minimum essential health coverage; and (3) prohibits excessive prices for prescription drugs and medical devices, as determined by a newly established federal regulatory board.

Actions Timeline

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