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Ensuring Kids Have Access to Medically Necessary Dental Care Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jan 26, 2023

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jan 26, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/109>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI] | D · MI | | Jan 26, 2023 |
| Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA] | D · PA | | Feb 6, 2024 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Finance Committee | Senate | Referred To | Jan 26, 2023 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 118 HR 590 | Identical bill | Jan 27, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. |

Summary (as of Jan 26, 2023)

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This bill modifies dental coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Specifically, the bill prohibits lifetime or annual limits on CHIP dental coverage. It also requires states to offer dental-only supplemental coverage under CHIP to children who have other health insurance but are otherwise eligible for CHIP (i.e., wraparound coverage); such coverage is currently at the option of the state.

Actions Timeline

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