

S 1424

DOC Access Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: May 3, 2023

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 3, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]

Party: Independent • State: WV • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		May 3, 2023
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jun 20, 2023
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 21, 2023
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jul 20, 2023
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 10, 2024
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 23, 2024
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 12, 2024
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jun 12, 2024
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 29, 2024
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 30, 2024
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Aug 1, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 3, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1385	Identical bill	Mar 17, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Dentist and Optometric Care Access Act of 2023 or the DOC Access Act of 2023**

This bill prohibits private health insurance plans from setting rates for items and services, except for dental cleanings, provided by a doctor of optometry, of dental surgery, or of dental medicine for which the plan does not pay a substantial amount.

Additionally, an agreement between a plan and such a doctor for limited scope dental or vision benefits may last longer than two years only with the prior acceptance of the doctor for each term extension. Plans also may not restrict such a doctor's choice of laboratories or suppliers.

Such doctors may elect to waive the application of the payment amount and choice of laboratories provisions of this bill.

The bill does not supersede state laws regarding health insurers and dental or vision benefit plans.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 3, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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