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CONNECT for Health Act of 2023

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]

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

Cosponsors (65 total)

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Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 15, 2023
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Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 15, 2023
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Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 15, 2023

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Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [I-AZ]	I · AZ		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		Jun 15, 2023
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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 30, 2023
Sen. Schmitt, Eric [R-MO]	R · MO		Nov 30, 2023
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Apr 11, 2024
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 11, 2024
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		May 1, 2024
Sen. Ricketts, Pete [R-NE]	R · NE		May 1, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 15, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4189	Identical bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Creating Opportunities Now for Necessary and Effective Care Technologies (CONNECT) for Health Act of 2023 or the CONNECT for Health Act of 2023

This bill expands coverage of telehealth services under Medicare.

Among other provisions, the bill

- permanently removes geographic restrictions on originating sites (i.e., the location of the beneficiary) and allows the home of the beneficiary to serve as the originating site for all services;
- permanently allows federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics to serve as the distant site (i.e., the location of the health care practitioner); and
- allows the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to generally waive coverage restrictions during any public health emergency.

Additionally, the CMS must post certain information about the effects of Medicare telehealth services on its website, including information about utilization, costs, and the outcome of services. The CMS must also (1) provide resources to health care professionals about the requirements for furnishing telehealth services under Medicare, including with respect to payment, patient privacy, and support for underserved populations; and (2) ensure certain quality measures are applied to telehealth services.

Actions Timeline

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