

## S 2418

### I CAN Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jul 20, 2023

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jul 20, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/2418>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jul 20, 2023
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 23, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 20, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 704	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 2583	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 7665	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 S 3939	Related bill	Mar 14, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
118 S 2713	Related bill	Jul 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
118 S 260	Related bill	Feb 2, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Improving Care and Access to Nurses Act or the I CAN Act

This bill allows other health care providers besides physicians (e.g., nurses) to provide certain services under Medicare and Medicaid.

Among other changes, the bill (1) allows a nurse practitioner or physician assistant to fulfill documentation requirements for Medicare coverage of special shoes for diabetic individuals; (2) expedites the ability of physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise Medicare cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs; and (3) allows nurse practitioners to certify the need for inpatient hospital services under Medicare and Medicaid.

### **Actions Timeline**

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