

## S 2477

### Equitable Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jul 25, 2023)

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Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 25, 2023
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Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 15, 2024
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Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		May 20, 2024
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Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jun 4, 2024
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 10, 2024
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Sep 10, 2024
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 10, 2024
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Nov 12, 2024
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 17, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 25, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1770	Identical bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Equitable Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act**

This bill expands Medicare coverage to permanently include services provided by a pharmacist, including incidental services and supplies, related to testing, vaccines, and treatment for COVID-19, influenza, and certain other illnesses.

Specifically, the bill provides for continued coverage of pharmacist services relating to evaluation and management of patients for testing and treatment for COVID-19, influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), or streptococcal pharyngitis (strep throat), as well as vaccines for pneumococcal disease, COVID-19, influenza, or hepatitis B. It also generally provides for coverage of pharmacist services during a public health emergency.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 25, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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