

## S 4137

### Improving Access to Medicare Coverage Act of 2024

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Apr 17, 2024

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Apr 17, 2024)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

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

## Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 17, 2024
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 17, 2024
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 20, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 17, 2024

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Apr 17, 2024)

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This bill deems an individual receiving outpatient observation services in a hospital as an inpatient for purposes of satisfying the three-day inpatient hospital-stay requirement with respect to Medicare coverage of skilled nursing facility (SNF) services. (Generally, individuals must have been an inpatient at a hospital for at least three days in order to qualify for SNF services. An individual's time spent under observation at a hospital for purposes of determining whether the individual should be admitted does not count towards this requirement.)

## **Actions Timeline**

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