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HCBS Access Act

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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 9, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 9, 2023
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 14, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 7, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 18, 2023
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 9, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2941	Related bill	Sep 19, 2024: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 587.
118 S 1332	Related bill	Mar 21, 2024: Held at the desk.
118 S 1298	Related bill	Apr 26, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 HR 1493	Identical bill	Mar 17, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Mar 9, 2023)

HCBS Access Act

This bill expands coverage of home- and community-based services (HCBS) under Medicaid. It also establishes programs and requirements to support providers who furnish HCBS.

Specifically, the bill requires state Medicaid programs to cover HCBS for individuals who (1) are determined to have a functional impairment that affects daily living and that is expected to last at least 90 days, (2) during the five-year period after the bill is enacted, are already receiving HCBS through Medicaid under a demonstration waiver or other state option, or (3) are under the age of 21 and are otherwise eligible. Covered services include home health care services, private nursing services, homemaking assistance, non-emergency and non-medical transportation, and caregiver support.

The bill also requires the Office of Management and Budget to revise the Standard Occupational Classification system so that the occupation of direct support professional (i.e., a professional who provides services for individuals with disabilities) is classified under a separate code as a healthcare support occupation. Additionally, the Administration for Community Living must establish a technical assistance center and award grants to government, nonprofit, educational entities, and relevant employers to support training, recruitment, and retention of direct support professionals.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must study the effects of the bill's implementation on HCBS beneficiaries and the direct care workforce.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 9, 2023: Introduced in Senate
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