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Treat and Reduce Obesity Act of 2025

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 5, 2025

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jun 5, 2025)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/1973>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Luján, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 5, 2025
Sen. Budd, Ted [R-NC]	R · NC		Jun 9, 2025
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Jul 10, 2025
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 18, 2025

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 5, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 4231	Related bill	<b>Jun 27, 2025:</b> Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Summary (as of Jun 5, 2025)

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This bill expands Medicare coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity. Specifically, the bill allows coverage for therapy that is provided by (1) a physician who is not a primary care physician; or (2) other health care providers (e.g., physician assistants and nurse practitioners) and approved counseling programs, if provided upon a referral from, and in coordination with, a physician or primary care practitioner. Currently, such therapy is covered only if provided by a primary care practitioner.

The bill also allows coverage under Medicare's prescription drug benefit of drugs used for the treatment of obesity or for weight loss management for individuals who are overweight.

Actions Timeline

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