

Children's Federal Bill Watch List

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| Bill No. | Position | Subject Matter | Introducer | Committee | Hearing Date | Status | |
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| S. 1697 | S | Immediate Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act | Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA) | Senate Finance | | 6/3/19 Referred to the Committee on Finance | To amend the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to provide for immediate eligibility for former foster youth under Medicaid. |
| S. 1130 | S | Scarlett's Sunshine on Sudden Unexpected Death Act | Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA) | Senate HELP | | 4/10/19 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions | To amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life. |
| H.R. 2271 | S | Scarlett's Sunshine on Sudden Unexpected Death Act | Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI) | House E&C | | 4/10/19 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce | To amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life. |
| H.R. 2075 | S | School-Based Health Centers Reauthorization Act of 2019 | Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD) | House E&C | | 4/3/19 Referred to the Hosue Committee on Energy and Commerce | Eliminates the limitation on eligibility of health centers |
| H.R. 3054 | S | DSH Cuts Delay Act of 2019 | Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX) | House E&C | | 6/3/19 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce | Seeks to delay DSH cuts 2 years. Simliar language has been included in the CR. |
| H.R. 3022 | S | Patient Access Protection Act | Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY) | House E&C | | 6/4/19 Subcommittee on Health held a hearing | Seeks to repeal Medicaid DSH cuts entirely |
| S. 1618 | S | ECHO 2019 Act | Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) | Senate HELP | | 5/22/19 Referred to the Committee on Health ,Education, Labor and Pensions | To amend the Public Health Service Act to expand the capacity to improve health outcomes and increase access to specialized care. |

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| S. 1260 | M | Reducing Administrative Costs and Burdens in Health Care Act of 2019 | Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN) | Senate HELP | | 5/1/19 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions | To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for grants to enable States to carry out activities to reduce administrative costs and burdens in health care. The Secretary, in consultation with providers of health services, health care suppliers of services, health care payers, health professional societies, health vendors and developers, health care standard development organizations and operating rule entities, health care quality organizations, health care accreditation organizations, public health entities, States, patients, and other appropriate entities, shall establish a goal of reducing unnecessary costs and administrative burdens across the health care system, including the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act, the Medicaid program under title XIX of such Act, and the private health insurance market, by at least half over a period of 10 years from the date of enactment of this section |
| S. 1384 | M | Prescription Drug Rebate Reform Act of 2019 | Sen. Mitt Romney (R-UT) | Senate HELP | | 5/9/19 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions | To reform prescription drug pricing and reduce out-of-pocket costs by ensuring consumers benefit from negotiated rebates |
| S. 366 | M | FLAT Prices Act | Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) | Senate HELP | | 2/6/19 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions | To shorten monopoly periods for prescription drugs that are the subjects of sudden price hikes. |
| S. 1266 | M | Protecting Patients from Surprise Medical Bills Act | Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL) | Senate HELP | | 5/1/19 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions | A self-insured group health plan shall be solely liable for making payments to an emergency services provider for emergency services covered under the plan that are provided to a participant or beneficiary, and such participant or beneficiary shall not be liable to the emergency services provider for any amount for such services other than the applicable copayment, coinsurance, or deductible amount required under the plan for covered emergency services. Emergency service providers shall not balance bill a participant or beneficiary under a self-insured group health plan for any covered emergency services provided to such participant or beneficiary. |
| H.R. 2843 | M | Marijuana Freedom and Opportunity Act | Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) | House E&C; Judiciary; Natural Resources; Agriculture; Transportation | | 6/10/19 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry | Research on public health, advertising to children, highway safety and other provisions included in the "Marijuana Freedom and Opportunity Act." |
| S. 1497 | M | Health Care Price Check Act of 2019 | Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) | Senate Finance | | 5/15/19 Referred to the Committee on Finance | To improve cost and quality transparency under the Medicare program, and for other purposes. A group health plan and a health insurance issuer offering group or individual health insurance coverage shall have in place a toll-free telephone number under which enrollees in the plan or coverage calling the telephone number are able to receive, directly or through charge-free transfer, information regarding the quality of in-network providers and facilities, as defined by the Secretary, and the following information regarding out-of-pocket costs for benefits under the plan |

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| S. 1895 | M | A bill to lower health care costs | Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) | Senate HELP | | 6/19/19 Referred to the HELP Committee | Legislation to prevent surprise medical bills, reduce prescription drug prices, improve transparency in health care, invest in public health and improve health information exchange. In an update from the draft legislation, the bill uses a benchmark rate to resolve payment disputes between plans and out-of-network providers. Under that provision, health plans would pay providers the median in-network contracted amount that insurers have negotiated with other providers in that geographic area. |
| S. 1531 | M | Stopping the Outrageous Practice of Surprise Medical Bills Act of 2019 | Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) | Senate HELP | | 5/16/19 Referred to the HELP Committee | To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for health insurance consumers from surprise billing. An enrollee may not be billed in excess of the in-network cost-sharing amount for services or care provided under section 2729A (a surprise medical bill situation). A group health plan, or health insurance issuer in connection with group or individual health insurance coverage, shall pay the median in-network rate under the plan or coverage, less the applicable enrollee in-network cost-sharing, directly to the health care provider as provided for in this section. |
| H.R. 2895 | S | Conrad State 30 and Physician Access Reauthorization Act | Rep. Bradly Scott Schnieder (D-IL) | House Judiciary | | 5/22/19 Referred to the Committee on Judiciary | To provide incentives to physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities, and for other purposes. |
| H.R. 2874 | M | Behavioral Health Coverage Transparency Act | Rep. Joseph Kennedy (D-MA) | House E&C, Ways and Means, Education and Labor | | 5/21/19 Referred to multiple committees | To strengthen parity in mental health and substance use disorder benefits. |
| H.R. 2932 | M | Homeland Security for Children Act | Rep. Donald Payne (D-NJ) | House Homeland Security; Transportation and Infrastructure | | 6/11/19 Referred to subcommittees on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery | To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning, and for other purposes. |
| S. 1191 | M | Training the Next Generation of Primary Care Doctors Act of 2019 | Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) | Senate HELP | | 4/11/19 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions | To reauthorize section 340H of the Public Health Service Act to continue to encourage the expansion, maintenance, and establishment of approved graduate medical residency programs at qualified teaching health centers, and for other purposes. |
| S. 427 | M | Autism CARES Act of 2019 | Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ) | Senate HELP | | 2/7/19 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions | To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism, and for other purposes. |
| H.R. 1839 | S | Medicaid Services Investment and Accountability Act of 2019 | Rep. Raul Ruiz | House E&C | | 4/18/19 Became Public Law No. 116-16 | This bill alters several Medicaid programs and funding provisions including the inclusion of ACE Kids Act which establishes a state Medicaid option to provide for medical assistance with respect to coordinated care provided through a health home (i.e., a designated provider or team of health-care professionals) for children with medically complex conditions. States must determine payment methodologies in accordance with specified requirements; payments also temporarily qualify for an enhanced federal matching rate. |

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| S. 130 | M | Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act | Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE) | Senate Judiciary | | 1/15/19 Referred to the Committee on Judiciary | To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion |
| H.R. 962 | M | Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act | Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO) | House Judiciary | | 3/22/2019 referred to the subcommittee on crime, terrorism, and homeland security | To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion. |
| H.R.1943 | M | Community Health Center and Primary Care Workforce Expansion Act of 2019 | Rep. James Clayburn (D-SC) | House E&C | | 6/4/19 Subcommittee hearings held | To provide funding for Federally qualified health centers and the National Health Service Corps. |
| H.Res. 280 | M | Protecting the health care of all Americans, especially those with preexisting conditions | Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR) | House E&C | | 5/3/19 Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties | if the Supreme Court of the United States decides all or part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is unconstitutional in Texas v. United States— (A) Congress and the Trump Administration should immediately ask the Court for a stay in the decision; (B) Congress and the Trump Administration should act together to ensure Americans are not adversely impacted by the decision; and (C) Congress should enact bipartisan legislation to replace the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that is constitutional and that—(i) guarantees no American citizen can be denied health insurance coverage or charged more as the result of a previous illness or health status; (ii) reverses the damage of the policies that have doubled the cost of health insurance and reduced access and choice for millions of Americans; |
| H.R. 2150 | M | Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2019 | Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL) | House Ways and Means and E&C | | 4/9/19 Referred to both committees | To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program |
| H.R. 2527 | S | Vaccinate All Children Act of 2019 | Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL) | House E&C | | 5/3/19 Referred to the E&C Committee | To amend the Public Health Service Act to condition receipt by States (and political subdivisions and public entities of States) of preventive health services grants on the establishment of a State requirement for students in public elementary and secondary schools to be vaccinated in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and for other purposes. |
| H.R. 660 | S | CHILD Act | Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE) | House E&C | | 1/25/19 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health | To improve the health outcomes in communities through community-relevant health information and new health supporting incentives and programs funded without further appropriations |
| H.R. 2862 | S | Vaccine Awareness Campaign to Champion Immunization Nationally and Enhance Safety (VACCINES) Act of 2019 | Rep. Kim Schrier | House E&C | | 5/21/19 Referred to the House E&C Committee | To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national system for surveillance of vaccine rates, to authorize research on vaccine hesitancy, to increase public understanding of the benefits of immunizations, and for other purposes. |

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| H.R. 3631 | S | To provide for a temporary increase to the limit on Medicaid payments for territories of the United States and the Federal medical assistance percentage for such territories under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes. | Rep. Darren Soto (D-FL) | House E&C | | 07/09/2019 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. | |
| H.R. 3630 | M | No Surprises Act | Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) | House E&C | | The House E&C Subcommittee on Health passed the bill on 7/11/19; Expected to the full committee the following week | Prohibits balance billing for out-of-network emergency services and certain out-of-network ancillary and post-stabilization services. Sets a benchmark rate for out-of-network payments to providers. |
| H.R. 2328 | S | Community Health Investment, Modernization, and Excellence Act of 2019 | Rep. Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ) | House E&C | | The House E&C Subcommittee on Health passed the bill on 7/11/19; Expected to the full committee the following week | To reauthorize and extend funding for community health centers and the National Health Service Corps. *An amendment to the bill includes a two-year delay to Medicaid DSH payment cuts for FY 2020 and FY 2021. The cuts will then be reduced from \$8B to \$4B in FY 2022. **An amendment includes language from the NO Surprises Act with additional amendments to include arbitration. |
| H.R. 2507 | S | Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2019 | Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA) | House E&C | | Passed the House | To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs under part A of title XI of such Act relating to genetic diseases, and for other purposes |
| H.R. 2296 | M | FAIR Drug Pricing Act of 2019 | Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL) | House E&C | | 5/21/19 Subcommittee hearing held | To require reporting regarding certain drug price increases, and for other purposes. Implements new transparency and reporting requirements for drug manufacturers. |
| H.R. 728 | S | Title VII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019 | Rep. David Joyce (R-OH) | House E&C | | Passed the House | Reauthorize for five years grant programs administered by HRSA to develop the nursing workforce |
| H.R. 2781 | S | Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency and Readiness (EMPOWER) for Health Act of 2019 | Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL) | House E&C | | Passed the House | To amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to the health professions workforce, and for other purposes. \$24M for each fiscal year 2020 through 2024. Primary care training and enhancement.—Section 747(c)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293k(c)(1)) is amended by striking “\$125,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2014” and inserting “\$51,371,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024”. |

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| H.R. 280 | S | Concussion Awareness and Education Act of 2019 | Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-OH) | House E&C | 1/25/19 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health | This bill establishes a series of programs and requirements relating to youth and sports-related concussion research. Among other things, the bill requires the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to establish a national system to determine the incidence of sports-related concussions among youth. The National Institutes of Health must also conduct or support specified concussion research, such as research regarding predictors and outcome modifiers of youth concussions. |
| H.R. 3 | M | Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019 | Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) | House E&C/ Ways and Means/ Education and Labor | 10/22/19 Markup session held, ordered to be reported in nature of a substitute | This bill establishes several programs and requirements relating to the prices of prescription drugs. CMS will be required (allowed) to negotiate prices for certain drugs, something current law prohibits. Specifically, CMS must negotiate max prices for insulin products, at least 25 single source, name brand drugs that do not have a generic. Negotiated pricing may not exceed 120% of the average price in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan and the UK. If information not available, 85% of the US average manufacturer price will be used for max payment. |
| S. 1227 | M | Prescription Drug Pricing for the People | Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) | Senate Judiciary | 6/28/19 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar | This bill requires the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to report about anticompetitive practices and other trends within the pharmaceutical supply chain that may impact the cost of prescriptions drugs. The FTC also must provide recommendations to increase transparency in the supply chain and prevent anticompetitive practices |
| H.R. 861 | M | End Surprise Billing Act of 2019 | Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX) | House Ways and Means and E&C | 1/30/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Health | With respect to an individual who has health benefits coverage and is seeking services, a hospital must provide notice as to (1) whether the hospital, or any of the providers furnishing services to the individual at the hospital, is not within the health care provider network or otherwise a participating provider with respect to the individual's health care coverage; and (2) if so, the estimated out-of-pocket costs of the services to the individual. At least 24 hours prior to providing those services, the hospital must document that the individual (1) has been provided with the required notice, and (2) consents to be furnished with the services and charged an amount approximate to the estimate provided. Otherwise, the hospital may not charge the individual more than the individual would have been required to pay if the services had been furnished by an in-network or participating provider. |
| H.R. 3502 | M | Protecting People from Surprise Medical Bills Act | Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA) | House Ways and Means and E&C | 06/26/2019 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Oversight and Reform, and Education and Labor | Applies in-network cost-sharing requirements to certain emergency and related non-emergency services that are provided out-of-network. Requires health insurers to include in-network and out-of-network deductibles, as well as out-of-pocket maximum limitations on enrollees. Requires insurers to provide online and print directories of in-network health care providers and prohibits health care providers from billing individuals for services more than a year after such service is provided. |

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| H.R. 4223 | M | Protecting Patients from Surprise Medical Bills Act | Rep. Ross Spano (R-FL) | House Education and Labor | | 9/10/19 Sponsor introductory remarks | |
| H.R. 3784 | M | Air Ambulance Affordability Act | Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO) | House E&C | | 7/16/19 Referred to House E&C | In the case of air ambulances, the plan shall not impose on such participant, beneficiary, or enrollee a cost-sharing amount (expressed as a copayment amount or coinsurance rate) for such services so furnished that is greater than the cost-sharing amount that would apply under such plan had such services been furnished by a participating provider; Shall calculate such cost-sharing amount as if negotiated rate were equal to the amount determined in accordance for such service. |
| H.R. 4004 | M | Social Determinants Accelerator Act of 2019 | Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL) | House E&C | | 7/25/2019 Referred to House E&C | To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish an interagency council on social determinants of health, and for other purposes |
| H.R. 5190 | M | STAR Act | Rep. Josh Harder (D-C) | House E&C | | 11/20/2019 Referred to House E&C | To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide assistance for health centers and rural health clinics to implement electronic provider consultation and related telemedicine services |
| H.R. 1379 | M | Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act | Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN) | House E&C | | 2/27/19 Referred to subcommittee on Health | This bill requires private health insurance plans to cover diagnosis and treatment services for congenital anomalies and birth defects, such as reconstructive services and prosthetics. Coverage must include services that functionally improve, repair, or restore any body part that is medically necessary for normal bodily functions or appearance, as determined by the treating physician. |
| H.R. 2468 | M | School-Based Allergies and Asthma Management Program Act | Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) | House E&C | | 5/3/19 Referred to subcommittee on Health | To amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain allergies and asthma-related grants, to States that require certain public schools to have allergies and asthma management programs, and for other purposes |
| H.R. 3935 | M | Protecting Patients Transportation to Care Act | Rep. Earl Carter (R-GA) | House E&C | | 7/25/19 Referred to subcommittee on Health | To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for the continuing requirement of Medicaid coverage of nonemergency transportation to medically necessary services. |
| H.R. 4801 | M | Healthy Start Reauthorization Act of 2019 | Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH) | House E&C | | 10/24/19 Referred to subcommittee on Health | To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Healthy Start program |
| H.R. 5800 | M | Ban Surprise Billing Act | Rep. Robert Scott (D-VA) | House E&C; Ways and Means; Labor and Education; Oversight and Reform | | 2/7/20 Referred to multiple committees | To end surprise medical billing and increase transparency in health coverage without a benchmark rate. Allows for negotiation with plan and provider. |
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