



# LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS

## Seniors Bill Sheet

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Category	PRN's Position	Bill	Title	Summary	Sponsor	Cosponsors	Status
Transparency	Support	S3018/HR3173	Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act of 2021	A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish requirements with respect to the use of prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans, and for other purposes	Sen. Roger Marshall [R-KS] Rep. Suzan DelBene [D-WA-1]	[43 B (S) 326 B (H)]	10/20/2021 Introduced in Senate 09/14/2022 Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
Transparency	Support	HR3650/S2048	Improving Access to Medicare Coverage Act of 2021	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare, and for other purposes.	Rep. Joe Courtney [D-CT-2] Sen. Sherrod Brown [D-OH]	[53 B (H) 7 B (S)]	06/01/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health (H) 06/15/2021 Referred to the Committee on Finance
Affordability	Support	HR3322/S826	Medicare Patient Empowerment Act of 2021	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and eligible professionals to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits	Rep. Pete Sessions [R-TX-17] Sen. Rand Paul R-KY]	[0 (H) 1 R (S)]	05/18/2021 Introduced in House 03/18/2021 Introduced in Senate
Affordability	Support	S2576/HR4890	RUSH Act of 2021	A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a program to allow qualified group practices to furnish certain items and services at qualified skilled nursing facilities to individuals entitled to benefits under part A and enrolled under part B of the Medicare program to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations, and for other purposes	Sen. John Thune [R-SD] Rep. Ann Kuster [D-NH-2]	[1 D (S) 1 R (H)]	07/30/2021 Introduced in Senate 07/30/2021 Introduced in House
Access	Support	S3630	Supporting Care for Dual Eligibles Act	A bill to establish a Dual Eligible Quality Care Fund to provide grants to State Medicaid programs to improve their capacity to ensure the provision of quality integrated care for dual eligible beneficiaries.	Sen. Tim Scott [R- SC]	0	02/10/2022 Referred to the Committee on Finance
Access	Support	S4635	Comprehensive Care for Dual Eligible Individuals Act	A bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish an optional State-administered program to provide fully integrated, comprehensive, coordinated care for full-benefit dual eligible individuals under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes	Sen. Sherrod Brown [D-OH]	1 R	07/27/2022 Introduced in Senate
Access	Support	HR1999	Protect Seniors and Cut Waste Act	To delay and offset the sequester under the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 as a result of the enactment of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and for other purposes	Rep. Jason Smith [R-MO-8]	31 R	03/18/2021 Introduced in House

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Access	Support	HR480	Medicare Economic Security Solutions Act	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to limit the penalty for late enrollment under part B of the Medicare Program to 15 percent and twice the period of no enrollment, and to exclude periods of COBRA, retiree, and VA coverage from such late enrollment penalty	Rep. Katie Porter [D-CA-45]	32 B	01/25/2021 Introduced in House
Access	Support	HR7775	NAPA Reauthorization Act	To extend the National Alzheimer's Project.	Rep. Paul Tonko [D-NY-20]	37 B	05/13/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Access	Support	HR1676	Jack Reynolds Memory Medigap Expansion Act	To amend title XVIII to provide for certain Medigap coverage for Medicare beneficiaries with end-stage renal disease, and for other purposes	Rep. Cynthia Axne [D-IA-3]	45 B	03/09/2021 Introduced in House
Access	Support	HR6144	Removing Waste and Protecting Medicare Act	To delay and offset the sequester to occur in January 2022 under the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, and for other purposes.	Rep. Jason Smith [R-MO-8]	47 R	01/04/2022 Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations
Access	Support	S3431	Revitalizing the Aging Network Act	A bill to support programs and services under the Older Americans Act of 1965 through innovation and modernization, and for other purposes.	Sen. Mark Kelly [D-AZ]	1 D	12/17/2021 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Access	Support	HR6149	Improving Care for Vulnerable Older Citizens and People with Disabilities through Workforce Advancement Act of 2021	To amend the Public Health Service Act to develop and test an expanded and advanced role for direct-care workers who provide long-term services and supports to older adults and people with disabilities in efforts to coordinate care and improve the efficiency of service delivery, and for other purposes.	Rep. Matt Cartwright [D-PA-8]	2 R	12/08/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Access	Support	HR2608	Ensuring Seniors Access to Local Pharmacies Act of 2021	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure equal access of Medicare beneficiaries to community pharmacies in underserved areas as network pharmacies under Medicare prescription drug coverage, and for other purposes	Rep. Peter Welch [D-VT-AL]	21 B	04/15/2021 Introduced in House
Access	Support	S1476	SENIOR CARE Act	A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to enable greater participation by seniors and Medicare beneficiaries in State Medicaid programs for working people with disabilities	Sen. Rob Portman R-OH]	3 B	04/29/2021 Introduced in Senate
Affordability	Support	HR4755	Seniors' Chronic Care Management Improvement Act of 2021	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove cost-sharing responsibilities for chronic care management services under the Medicare program	Rep. Suzan DelBene [D-WA-1]	9 B	07/28/2021 Introduced in House
Affordability	Support	HR5660	Fairness for Rural Medicare Beneficiaries Act of 2021	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust coinsurance requirements for outpatient critical access hospital services furnished under the Medicare program	Rep. Tom Cole [R-OK-4]	14 B	10/21/2021 Introduced in House

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Transparency	Support	HR7773	Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act	To require an annual budget estimate for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to reports and recommendations made under the National Alzheimer's Project Act.	Rep. Christopher H. Smith [R-NJ-4]	30 B	05/13/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Transparency	Support	HR4911	Medicare Advantage Quality Payment Relief Act of 2021	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate a provision under the Medicare Advantage program that inadvertently penalizes Medicare Advantage plans for providing high quality care to Medicare beneficiaries	Rep. Ron Kind [D-WI-3]	5 B	08/03/2021 Introduced in House
Transparency	Support	HR2410	Medicare & You Handbook Improvement Act of 2021	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the inclusion of information on prior authorization requirements and other utilization management techniques in the Medicare & You annual notice	Rep. Mike Kelly R-PA-16]	1 D	04/08/2021 Introduced in House
Transparency	Monitor	HR4587	Value in Health Care Act of 2021	To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to revise certain regulations in relation to the Medicare shared savings program and other advanced alternative payment arrangements to encourage participation in such program, and for other purposes.	Rep. Peter Welch [D-VT-At Large]	35 B	07/21/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Transparency	Monitor	HR1330	Patient Access to Higher Quality Health Care Act of 2021	To repeal changes made by health care reform laws to the Medicare exception to the prohibition on certain physician referrals for hospitals, and for other purposes	Rep. Michael Burgess [R-TX-26]	36 B	02/25/2021 Introduced in House
Transparency	Monitor	HR6308	ACO Assignment Improvement Act of 2021	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the Medicare shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists.	Rep. Derek Kilmer [D-WA-6]	8 B	12/17/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Transparency	Monitor	S3675	BENES 2.0 Act	A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a system to notify individuals approaching Medicare eligibility.	Sen. Robert P. Casey, Jr. [D-PA]	9 B	02/17/2022 Referred to the Committee on Financ
Transparency	Monitor	HR2812	Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration Act	To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities from using pre-dispute arbitration agreements with respect to residents of those facilities under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes	Rep. Linda Sanchez [D-CA-38]	7 D	04/22/2021 Introduced in House
Transparency	Monitor	HR3746	Accountable Care in Rural America Act	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benchmarking process for the Medicare Shared Savings Program.	Rep. Jodey C. Arrington [R-TX-19]	14 B	06/09/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

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Transparency	Monitor	HR5125	Strengthening Innovation in Medicare and Medicaid Act	To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify parameters for model testing and add accountability to model expansion under the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, and for other purposes	Rep. Adrian Smith [R-NE-3]	5 R	08/27/2021 Introduced in House
Transparency	Monitor	HR1969	Medicare Advantage Integrity Act	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to address disparity in Medicare Advantage benchmark rates for regions with low Medicare fee-for-service penetration	RC Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon [R-PR-AL]	0	03/17/2021 Introduced in House
Transparency	Monitor	HR4121	PRO Seniors Act	To codify a final rule issued by the Secretary of Health and Human Services relating to fraud and abuse and the removal of safe harbor protection for certain drug rebates, and for other purposes.	Rep. Jodey C. Arrington [R-TX-19]	0	06/25/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Transparency	Monitor	HR4263	Patient Parity Protection Act of 2021	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an exception to the definition of an off-campus outpatient department of a provider under the Medicare program for certain departments of a provider if such provider was forced to relocate its campus.	Rep. Josh Gottheimer [D-NJ-5]	1 D	07/01/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Affordability	Monitor	S2415/HR7107	Long-Term Care Affordability Act	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the use of retirement plan funds to obtain long-term care insurance, and for other purposes.	Sen. Patrick Toomey [R-PA] Rep. Ann Wagner [R-MO-2]	[0 (S) 6 R (H)]	07/21/2021 Introduced in Senate 03/16/2022 Introduced in House
Access	Monitor	HR5067	Preserving Patient Access to Home Infusion Act	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify congressional intent and preserve patient access to home infusion therapy under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.	Rep. Terri Sewell [D-AL-7]	18 B	08/20/2021 Introduced in House
Access	Monitor	HR8805	Ensuring Seniors' Access to Quality Care Act	To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act with respect to nursing facility requirements, and for other purposes	Rep. Gerry Connolly [D-VA-11]	1 R	09/13/2022 Introduced in House
Access	Monitor	S3132/HR5818	Outpatient Surgery Quality and Access Act of 2021	A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.	Sen. Richard Blumenthal [D-CT] Rep. John B. Larson [D-CT-1]	[1 R (S) 13 B (H)]	11/02/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance 11/03/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health (H)
Access	Monitor	HR5753/S3085	HARMON Oklahoma Act	To assist in the transition of a certain hospital to a Medicare rural emergency hospital, and for other purposes	Rep. Frank Lucas [R-OK-3] Sen. James Inhofe [R-OK]	[0 (H) 1 R (S)]	10/28/2021 Referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Subcommittees on Health 10/27/2021 Introduced in Senate

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Access	Monitor	S2236/HR4148	Expanding Health Care Options for Early Retirees Act	A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an option for first responders age 50 to 64 who are separated from service due to retirement or disability to buy into Medicare.	Sen. Sherrod Brown [D-OH] Rep. Tom Malinowski [D-NJ-7]	[1 D (S) 32 D (H)]	06/24/2021 Referred to the Committee on Finance 06/25/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health (H)
Affordability	Monitor	S275/HR1166	Retirement Freedom Act	A bill to allow individuals to choose to opt out of the Medicare part A benefit	Sen. Ted Cruz [R-TX] Rep. Gary Palmer [R-AL-6]	[2 R (S) 6 R (H)]	02/08/2021 Introduced in Senate 02/18/2021 Introduced in House
Access	Monitor	S2101	The Alzheimer's Research and Caregiving Trust Fund Contributions Act	A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for contributions to the Alzheimer's Research and Caregiving Trust Fund, and for other purposes.	Sen. Richard Blumenthal [D-CT]	0	06/17/2021 Referred to the Committee on Finance
Access	Monitor	S2174	Wellness and Education for Longer Lives for Seniors Act of 2021	A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the annual wellness visit under the Medicare program.	Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. [I-ME]	0	06/22/2021 Referred to the Committee on Finance
Access	Monitor	HR1880	To amend the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 to make permanent the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration	To amend the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 to make permanent the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration	Rep. Debbie Dingell [D-MI-12]	0	03/12/2021 Introduced in House
Access	Monitor	S3626	PACE Expanded Act	A bill to improve access to the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, and for other purposes.	Sen. Robert P. Casey, Jr. [D-PA]	1 R	02/10/2022 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
Access	Monitor	S1099	Protecting Married Seniors From Impoverishment Act	A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to make permanent the protections under Medicaid for recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment	Sen. Robert Casey [D-PA]	10 D	04/13/2021 Introduced in Senate
Access	Monitor	HR6302	Protecting the Health of America's Older Adults Act	To provide for the establishment of a program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to healthy aging and to authorize grants to health departments to carry out healthy aging programs, and for other purposes.	Rep. Lois Frankel [D-FL-21]	13 B	12/17/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Access	Monitor	S1279	Medicare at 50 Act	A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an option for any citizen or permanent resident of the United States age 50 to 64 to buy into Medicare	Sen. Debbie Stabenow [D-MI]	19 D	04/21/2021 Introduced in Senate
Access	Monitor	HR3831	Seniors Securing Access to Vital and Essential Prescription Drugs Act	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for certain rules regarding the treatment of eligible retirement plans in determining the eligibility of individuals for premium and cost-sharing subsidies under part D of the Medicare program.	Rep. Susie Lee [D-NV-3]	2 R	06/14/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Access	Monitor	HR5169	Nursing Home Improvement and Accountability Act of 2021	To improve care furnished and to support the workforce in skilled nursing facilities under the Medicare program and in nursing facilities under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes.	Rep. Richard Neal [D-MA-1]	3 D	09/03/2021 Introduced in House

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Access	Monitor	S2565	Expanding Access to Palliative Care Act	A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for the testing of a community-based palliative care model.	Sen. Jacklyn Rosen [D-NV]	8 B	07/29/2021 Referred to the Committee on Finance
Access	Monitor	HR4187	Medicare Vision Act of 2021	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for certain vision items and services under part B of the Medicare program.	Rep. Kim Schrier [D-WA-8]	9 D	06/25/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Access	Monitor	S4067	John Lewis Equality in Medicare and Medicaid Treatment Act of 2022	A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve access to care for all Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries through models tested under the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, and for other purposes.	Sen. Cory A. Booker [D-NJ]	2 D	04/07/2022 Referred to the Committee on Finance
Access	Monitor	HR4640	Close the Medigap Act of 2021	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for certain reforms with respect to medicare supplemental health insurance policies.	Rep. Lloyd Doggett [D-TX-35]	48 D	07/23/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Access	Monitor	HR2881	Medicare Buy-In and Health Care Stabilization Act of 2021	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an option for individuals who are ages 50 to 64 to buy into Medicare, to provide for health insurance market stabilization, and for other purposes	Rep. Brian Higgins [D-NY-26]	7 D	04/28/2021 Introduced in House
Access	Monitor	S3917	Protecting Medicaid Beneficiaries Act of 2022	A bill to apply the Medicaid asset verification program to all applicants for, and recipients of, medical assistance in all States and territories, and for other purposes.	Sen. James M. Inhofe [R-OK]	7 R	03/24/2022 Referred to the Committee on Finance
Access	Monitor	HR5165	Improving Medicare Coverage Act	To amend titles II and XVIII of the Social Security Act to lower the Medicare eligibility age to 60, and for other purposes.	Rep. Pramila Jayapal [D-WA-7]	136 D	09/03/2021 Introduced in House
Access	Monitor	HR3808	Medicare IVIG Access Enhancement Act	To provide for a demonstration project to further examine the benefits of providing coverage and payment for items and services necessary to administer intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) in the home, and for other purposes.	Rep. Earl Blumenauer [D-OR-3]	15 B	06/14/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Access	Monitor	HR8677	IMPROVE Nursing Homes Act	To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in coordination with State health departments, to establish a grant program to award grants to nursing facilities to replace traditional nursing facilities with small-house nursing facilities, and for other purposes	Rep. Janice Schakowsky [D-IL-9]	0	08/05/2022 Introduced in House
Access	Monitor	S315	Quality Care for Nursing Home Residents Act	A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure quality care for residents of skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities, and for other purposes	Sen. Richard Blumenthal [D-CT]	1 D	02/12/2021 Introduced in Senate

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Access	Monitor	S.3473	Innovation in Aging Act	A bill to authorize funding for the Research, Demonstration, and Evaluation Center for the Aging Network in order to demonstrate the impact of the aging network on the health and independence of older individuals and to foster innovation in such network, and for other purposes.	Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. [I-ME]	1 D	01/11/2022 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Affordability	Monitor	HR5137	Senior Health Planning Account Act	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create senior health planning accounts funded by the proceeds of the sale or assignment of life insurance contracts	Rep. Brian Higgins [D-NY-26]	2 B	08/31/2021 Introduced in House
Affordability	Monitor	S1889	Compassionate Retirement Act of 2021	A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish an exception to the penalty on early distributions from qualified plans for individuals diagnosed with certain terminal illnesses	Sen. Richard Burr [R-NC]	2 D	05/27/2021 Introduced in Senate
Affordability	Monitor	HR2464	More Help for Seniors Act of 2021	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand eligibility for low-income subsidies under part D of the Medicare program	Rep. Angie Craig [D-MN-2]	3 D	04/13/2021 Introduced in House
Affordability	Monitor	HR6048	Medicare Stability for Patients and Providers Act	To prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from taking certain actions with respect to the clinical labor price, and for other purposes.	Rep. Bobby L. Rush [D-IL-1]	4 B	11/19/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Affordability	Monitor	S1833	Ensuring Access to Primary Care for Women & Children Act	A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services.	Sen. Sherrod Brown [D-OH]	9 B	05/26/2021 Referred to the Committee on Finance
Affordability	Monitor	HR8580	The LTCH Access and Stability Act	To amend the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act to provide for a 12-month extension of the Medicare long-term care hospital waiver of the site-neutral IPPS payment rate	Rep. Terri Sewell [D-AL-7]	1 R	07/28/2022 Introduced in House
Affordability	Monitor	HR5040	Helping Seniors Afford Health Care Act	To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing, align income and resource eligibility tests, simplify enrollment, and provide for other program improvements for low-income Medicare beneficiaries	Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester [D-DE-AL]	4 D	08/17/2021 Introduced in House



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Affordability	Monitor	HR1269	Social Security and Medicare Lock-Box Act	To amend titles II and XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Social Security Surplus Protection Account in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund to hold the Social Security surplus and a Medicare Surplus Protection Account in the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund to hold the Medicare surplus, to provide for suspension of investment of amounts held in such Accounts until enactment of legislation providing for investment of the Trust Funds in investment vehicles other than obligations of the United States, and to establish a Social Security and Medicare Part A Investment Commission to make recommendations for alternative forms of investment of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses	Rep. Tim Walberg [R-MI-7]	0	02/23/2021 Introduced in House
Affordability	Monitor	S2175	Preventive Home Visit Act	A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of preventive home visits under Medicare, and for other purposes.	Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. [I-ME]	1 D	06/22/2021 Referred to the Committee on Finance
Affordability	Monitor	HR5099/S1844	Lowering Medicare Premiums and Prescription Drug Costs Act	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to move Medicare cost-sharing benefits from Medicaid to Medicare, and for other purposes	Rep. Brad Schneider [D-IL-10] Sen. Robert P. Casey, Jr. [D-PA]	[1 D (H) 4 B (S)]	08/24/2021 Introduced in House 05/26/2021 Referred to the Committee on Finance