

116TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1577

To amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain contracts between health insurance plans or issuers and health care providers.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2019

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. BENNET) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Know the Price Act  
5 of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.**

7 Subpart II of part A of title XXVII of the Public  
8 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–11 et seq.) is  
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 2729A. PROVIDER CONTRACTS.**

2 “(a) INFORMATION ON PROVIDER ALTERNATIVES.—

3 A group health plan or a health insurance issuer offering  
4 group or individual health insurance coverage shall not  
5 enter into an agreement with a provider, network or asso-  
6 ciation of providers, third-party administrator, or other  
7 service provider that would, directly or indirectly—

8 “(1) restrict the group health plan or health in-  
9 surance issuer from providing price or quality infor-  
10 mation, through a consumer engagement tool or any  
11 other means, to providers or the sponsor, enrollees,  
12 or potential enrollees of the plan or coverage; or

13 “(2) restrict the group health plan or health in-  
14 surance issuer from sharing data described in para-  
15 graph (1) with a third party, for plan management  
16 purposes.”.

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