

Estimated Budgetary Effects of the House Amendment to S.610, the Protecting Medicare and American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act, as Posted on the Website of the House Committee on Rules on December 7, 2021 (Rules Committee Print 117-22)

		By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars											
		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2022-2026	2022-2031
		Increases or Decreases (-) in Direct Spending											
Sec. 2.	Adjustments to Medicare Sequestration Reductions												
	Estimated Budget Authority	5,910	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,810	-7,690	5,910	-3,590
	Estimated Outlays	5,420	490	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,020	-6,100	5,910	-1,210
Sec. 3.	Extension of Support for Physicians and Other Professionals in Adjusting to Medicare Payment Changes												
	Estimated Budget Authority	1,414	221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,635	1,635
	Estimated Outlays	1,414	221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,635	1,635
Sec. 4.	Preserving Patient Access to Critical Clinical Lab Services												
	Estimated Budget Authority	281	-139	-137	0	-516	-155	186	-172	-3	185	-511	-470
	Estimated Outlays	281	-139	-137	0	-516	-155	186	-172	-3	185	-511	-470
Sec. 6.	Medicare Improvement Fund												
	Budget Authority	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	45
	Estimated Outlays	29	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	45
Total Changes in Direct Spending													
	Budget Authority	7,650	82	-137	0	-516	-155	186	-172	-1,813	-7,505	7,079	-2,380
	Estimated Outlays	7,144	588	-137	0	-516	-155	186	-172	-1,023	-5,915	7,079	0

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

The House Amendment to S.610 would adjust sequestration percentages applied to Medicare payments in the beginning and end of the budget window, increase Medicare payment rates for physician services, modify payment rates and data reporting with respect to the Medicare clinical lab fee schedule, delay the implementation of a Medicare demonstration project for radiation oncologists, and increase funding for the Medicare Improvement Fund. Upon the adjournment of the first session of the 117th Congress, section 7 would require that any budgetary effects recorded for fiscal year 2022 on the 5- and 10-year pay-as-you-go scorecards maintained by the Office of Management and Budget be deducted from those scorecards in 2022 and added to amounts for 2023. Section 8 would change Congressional procedure for consideration of a debt limit increase. Sections 5, 7 and 8 would not have a scoreable budgetary effect.

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.