

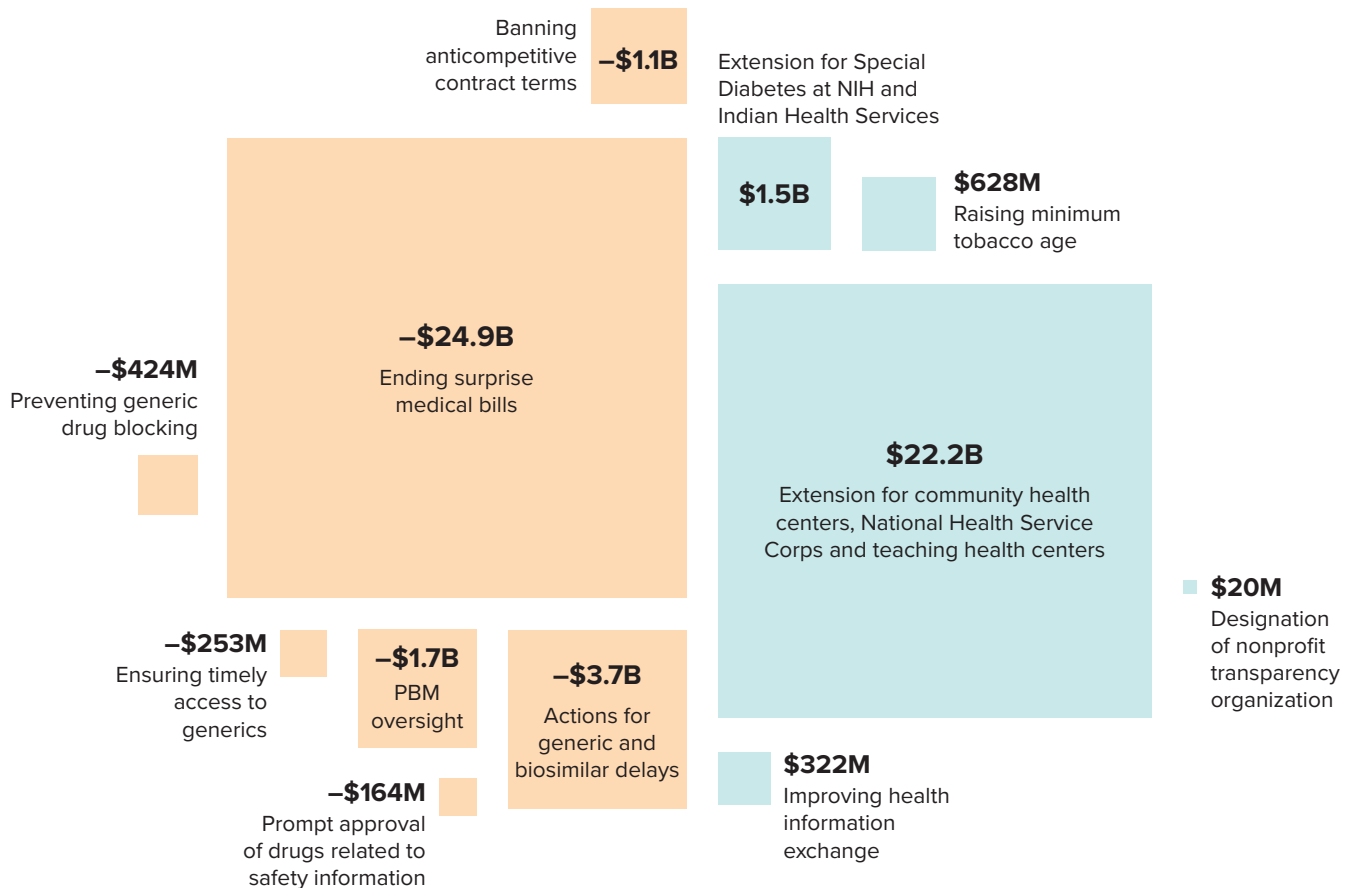
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CBO scores Senate's surprise billing, drug plan

The Lower Health Care Costs Act — a comprehensive health reform bill supported by the top Democrat and Republican on the Senate HELP Committee — would reduce net federal spending by \$7.6 billion over ten years, according to a newly released score by the Congressional Budget Office. In late June, the committee advanced the bill, paving the way for an eventual full Senate vote.

The bulk of the bill's savings come from the provisions addressing surprise medical bills, which the CBO estimates would reduce health insurance premiums by 1 percent on average and save the federal government nearly \$25 billion over ten years. The bill would repurpose these savings to pay for major public health programs, including extensions for community health center funding.

10-year change in net federal outlays, by provision



Source: CBO

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