

**CBO Cost Estimate of H.R. 6886, the HEARTS Act of 2018**  
**As passed by the House of Representatives on September 28, 2018**

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(Millions of dollars, by fiscal year)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2019- 2023	2019- 2028
<b>INCREASES AND DECREASES (-) IN DIRECT SPENDING</b>												
Sec. 2 Subsections (a) - (c)												
Requirement to Enroll in Medicare Part B												
MERHCF												
Estimated Budget Authority	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	6
Estimated Outlays	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	6
SMI Trust Fund												
Estimated Budget Authority	0	0	0	0	0	*	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-3
Estimated Outlays	0	0	0	0	0	*	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-3
Sec. 2 Subsection (d)												
Medicare Improvement Fund												
Estimated Budget Authority	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	7
Estimated Outlays	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	7
Sec. 3, Coverage of Certain Tests for Prostate Cancer												
Estimated Budget Authority	0	1	1	*	-1	-2	-5	-3	*	0	*	-10
Estimated Outlays	0	1	1	*	-1	-2	-5	-3	*	0	*	-10
Total Changes in Direct Spending												
Estimated Budget Authority	0	1	1	*	-1	2	-1	-2	*	1	*	*
Estimated Outlays	0	1	1	*	-1	2	-1	-2	*	1	*	*

Source: Congressional Budget Office

Notes " \* " = between -\$500,000 and \$500,000. Components may not sum to totals because of rounding. The bill would increase direct spending over the 2019-2023 period by less than \$500,000. The bill would reduce direct spending over the 2019-2028 period by between -\$500,000 and \$0.

The effects on the MERHCF would occur in budget function 550. All other effects of this act would occur in budget function 570.

MERHCF = Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund; SMI = Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund.

H.R. 6886 would allow military disability retirees under the age of 65 to decline enrollment in Medicare Part B in situations where their Social Security Disability Insurance payments have been terminated because they performed substantial gainful activity. It also would allow them to use other TRICARE benefits. The act also would increase funding for the Medicare Improvement Fund and would require the Medicare program to cover a certain type of laboratory test for beneficiaries who test positive for prostate cancer.

The changes to the requirements to enroll in Medicare Part B and the funding for the Medicare Improvement Fund would be effective beginning in fiscal year 2024. The changes to the coverage of certain tests for prostate cancer would be effective beginning in calendar year 2020.