

# The Securing Enhanced Programs, Systems and Initiatives for Sepsis (SEPSIS) Act

## Background

Sepsis is a medical condition caused by a severe immune response to infection or traumatic injury. It infects 1,700,000 people and kills 350,000 people in the U.S. every year. Sepsis is one of the most expensive conditions to treat in hospitals in the United States, with high spending compounded by frequent hospital readmissions. **Most sepsis fatalities are preventable, and early recognition, diagnosis, and treatment of sepsis can prevent loss of life.**

## The SEPSIS Act

The SEPSIS Act would task the CDC with dedicated sepsis work, building on their ongoing efforts to reduce the burden of sepsis through the Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements. The CDC's work will include:

- An education campaign about addressing sepsis in hospitals
- Improving data collection on pediatric sepsis
- Sharing information with HHS on data collection, including CMS on sepsis quality measures and
- Development and implementation of a sepsis outcome measure

The SEPSIS Act also requires a report on the development and implementation of a sepsis outcome measure, and a Congressional briefing on CDC's sepsis activities.

Lastly, the SEPSIS Act includes a voluntary recognition program for hospitals who maintain effective sepsis programs or improve their sepsis programs over time.

***The SEPSIS Act will help reduce the devastating burden that sepsis has on the healthcare system and on the families who have lost loved ones to sepsis.***

## House Cosponsors

Kean (R-NJ)

## Senate Cosponsors

Schumer (D-NY); Collins (R-ME); Kim (D-NJ)

## Endorsers

END Sepsis, Sepsis Alliance, American Hospital Association, Federation of American Hospitals, Infectious Diseases Society of America, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America, New Jersey Hospital Association

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