Cassidy Releases Draft Proposal to Regulate AI in Healthcare

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Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.), the outgoing chair of the Senate health panel, released a **discussion draft** of a proposal Thursday to promote access to health technologies with artificial intelligence while laying out guardrails.

“We’re living in a new digital age as artificial intelligence transforms how we deliver care,” Cassidy, chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, said in a statement. “Implementing AI in health care must be done responsibly and to the benefit of patients, innovators, and consumers.”

The **draft legislation** would require the Health and Human Services Department to develop use cases for using AI to improve healthcare outcomes and operations. The government would also be required to develop training materials for healthcare workers on how to best implement the tools.

The measure additionally lays out a review process for the Food and Drug Administration to evaluate software-based devices, and a pathway for coverage decisions under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for AI-based services.

Cassidy requests feedback on the proposal from stakeholders by Dec. 1.

The draft proposal comes as **concerns over general AI have grown and have seeped into the midterm elections.** Candidates are discussing the risks of AI, while some are calling for more regulation.

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