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Medicare Rx Drug Discount and Security Act of 2001

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]

Party: Republican • **State:** NE • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		Jul 25, 2001
Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	R · IN		Jul 25, 2001
Sen. Gramm, Phil [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 19, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 25, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 2632	Identical bill	Oct 5, 2001: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H6413-6414)

Summary (as of Jul 25, 2001)

Medicare Rx Drug Discount and Security Act of 2001 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to add a new part D (Voluntary Medicare Outpatient Prescription Drug Discount and Security Program). Establishes as an independent executive agency a Medicare Prescription Drug Agency, headed by a Commissioner of Medicare Prescription Drugs, who shall establish a Medicare Outpatient Prescription Drug Discount and Security Program under which an eligible beneficiary may voluntarily enroll with an eligible entity and receive described benefits, including a catastrophic benefit. Outlines enrollee protections. Makes the costs of providing program benefits payable from the Medicare Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund.

Establishes a Medicare Competition and Prescription Drug Advisory Board.

Amends SSA title XVIII part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) to provide for the exclusion of new part D costs from the determination of the Medicare part B monthly premium.

Revises Medicare supplemental health insurance (Medigap) requirements with respect to revision of the 1991 National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model Regulation to accord with this Act.

Actions Timeline

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