

HR 1905

New Insurance Coverage Equity (NICE) Act of 2001

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2001
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 24, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

New Insurance Coverage Equity (NICE) Act of 2001 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to add a new Medicare part D (NICE Drug Benefit Program) (NICE program), administered by the NICE Board, also charged with running a New Insurance Coverage Equity Office established within the Department of Health and Human Services, under which all individuals entitled to Medicare part A (Hospital Insurance) benefits and enrolled in Medicare part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) shall be provided access to coverage of outpatient prescription drugs that meet specified requirements. Grants such access via either enrollment in a Medicare+Choice (Medicare part C) plan, enrollment in a NICE Medicare supplemental policy, or enrollment in a group health plan. Provides for financial assistance to enable covered beneficiaries to obtain enrollment coverage.

Vests the NICE Board with outreach and other specified duties, such as establishing procedures for enrollment and enhanced financial assistance.

Outlines requirements for the offering of NICE program coverage, which include prohibiting pre-existing condition exclusions.

Establishes in the Treasury the NICE Trust Fund, consisting in part of amounts from the on-budget surplus, to be available only for expenditures to carry out the NICE program.

Amends the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 to include with Medicare supplemental policy (Medigap) comparison information for Medigap policies, information on the NICE program for purposes of State grant application plans for State-wide health insurance, counseling, and assistance grants.

Actions Timeline

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