

## HR 3684

Immediate Helping Hand Prescription Drug Assistance Act of 2002

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 5, 2002

**Current Status:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4291-4292)

**Latest Action:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4291-4292) (Jun 27, 2002)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/house-bill/3684>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Simmons, Rob [R-CT-2]

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

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		Feb 5, 2002
Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Feb 5, 2002
Rep. Kolbe, Jim [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Feb 5, 2002
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-19]	R · OH		Feb 5, 2002
Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Feb 5, 2002
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Feb 5, 2002
Rep. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL-10]	R · IL		Feb 7, 2002
Rep. Rehberg, Dennis R. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Feb 13, 2002
Rep. Otter, C. L. (Butch) [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Apr 16, 2002
Rep. Schrock, Edward L. [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Apr 16, 2002
Rep. Grucci, Felix J., Jr. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Apr 25, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 5, 2002
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 5, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Immediate Helping Hand Prescription Drug Assistance Act of 2002 - Amends the Social Security Act (SSA) to establish an outpatient prescription drug assistance entitlement program for low-income Medicare (SSA title XVIII ) beneficiaries under a new title XXII (Outpatient Prescription Drug Assistance Program). Allows States, in lieu of using the funding provided under this new title, to provide assistance to such beneficiaries through a State plan under SSA title XIX (Medicaid) or through Medicare part C (Medicare+Choice).

Amends SSA title XIX to provide for expanded coverage of low-income Medicare beneficiaries under Medicaid.

Amends SSA title XVIII to provide for: (1) coverage of low-income Medicare beneficiaries in Medicare+Choice; and (2) low-income Medicare beneficiaries to elect to suspend Medicare supplemental (Medigap) insurance.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 27, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4291-4292)
- **Mar 5, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Feb 5, 2002:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 5, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E71)
- **Feb 5, 2002:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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