

HR 4741

Medicare Pharmacy Benefit Act of 2002

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Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jun 3, 2002)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 3, 2002
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 15, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 15, 2002)

Medicare Pharmacy Benefit Act of 2002 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to establish the Medicare Pharmacy Benefit Program to provide drug discounts, catastrophic benefits, and medication review and medication therapy management.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services establish an open enrollment process for eligible beneficiaries and provide that applications to enroll under the Program may be collected by pharmacy providers, manufacturers, or their agents. Requires that Pharmacy Benefit Administrators process applications for enrollment.

Requires the Secretary to provide for the broad dissemination of information to eligible beneficiaries regarding enrollment.

Requires the Secretary to establish a process to accept bids and award contracts to administer benefits.

Establishes within the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund a Pharmacy Benefit Fund to reimburse the Pharmacy Benefits Administrator and participating pharmacy providers, and to pay for cost of providing benefits.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 3, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 15, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **May 15, 2002:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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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