

## HR 4988

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish the Medicare Benefits Administration within the Department of Health and Human Services, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 21, 2002

**Current Status:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 107-542, Part I.

**Latest Action:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 107-542, Part I. (Jun 26, 2002)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/house-bill/4988>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Tauzin, W. J. (Billy) [R-LA-3]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported By	Jun 27, 2002
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 21, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 4954	Related bill	Jul 15, 2002: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 493.

## **Summary** (as of Jun 26, 2002)

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Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to establish within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) the Medicare Benefits Administration, headed by a Medicare Benefits Administrator who shall carry out Medicare parts C (Medicare+Choice) and D (Miscellaneous) (sic) and provisions relating to the Medicare prescription drug discount card endorsement program.

Directs the Secretary of HHS to establish within the Medicare Benefits Administration an Office of Beneficiary Assistance to coordinate functions relating to outreach and education of Medicare beneficiaries.

Establishes within the Medicare Benefits Administration the Medicare Policy Advisory Board to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Administrator with respect to the administration of Medicare parts C and D.

Directs the Administrator to establish a grant program to assist pharmacies in implementing the new prescription drug benefit under Medicare part D.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 26, 2002:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 107-542, Part I.
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