

HR 5139

Living Well with Fatal Chronic Illness Act of 2002

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Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Aug 9, 2002)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 29, 2002
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 9, 2002
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 16, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 16, 2002)

Living Well with Fatal Chronic Illness Act - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to add a new part D (Purchase of Medicare Benefits by Certain Caregivers Age 55-to-65 Years of Age). Makes eligible for both part A and part B Medicare benefits during a specified period certain individuals 55 or older who are caring on a full-time basis for family members who are Medicare beneficiaries requiring substantial supervision due to severe cognitive impairment or are unable to perform at least two activities of daily living.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to determine and to provide for payment and collection of a monthly premium.

Creates in the Treasury the Medicare Caregiver Trust Fund to hold collected premiums.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to provide an annual long-term care credit of \$3000 per applicable person for whom a taxpayer is an eligible caregiver.

Requires the Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to carry out research, demonstration, and education programs toward improving the delivery of appropriate health and support services for patients with fatal chronic illnesses.

Requires the Director for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Director of the National Institutes of Health to expand activities with respect to fatal chronic illness.

Requires the Secretary to develop pilot programs for the treatment for fatal chronic illness.

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve the delivery of appropriate treatment services to patients with fatal chronic illness under health care programs of the Department of Veterans Services.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 9, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 29, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 16, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 16, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1272-1273)
- **Jul 16, 2002:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Veterans' Affairs, 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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