

## HR 2461

Equal Access to Prescription Drugs for All Seniors Act

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 12, 2003

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jun 24, 2003)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 24, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 19, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jun 12, 2003)

Equal Access to Prescription Drugs for All Seniors Act - Amends part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a program that provides outpatient prescription drug benefits for individuals who are enrolled under this part and entitled to benefits under Medicare part A (Hospital Insurance). State that the program is designed to provide benefits in a calendar year for a beneficiary after the beneficiary has incurred out-of-pocket costs for covered outpatient prescription drugs that exceeds such percentage of income as the Secretary shall specify for each year. Requires the percentage to vary from year to year and allows it to vary based on the income of beneficiaries.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 12, 2003:** Introduced in House
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