

## HR 2578

Medicare for the 21st Century Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 2, 2003)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 1, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 2, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Jun 24, 2003)

Medicare for the 21st Century Act - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to add a new part D (Voluntary Medicare Outpatient Prescription Drug Discount and Security Program). Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a Medicare Outpatient Prescription Drug Discount and Security Program under which an eligible beneficiary who voluntarily enrolls in such program is provided: (1) access to negotiated prices through an eligible entity with a contract under the program that has been selected by the beneficiary; (2) catastrophic coverage under the program; and (3) a prescription drug account and a public contribution into such account. Provides that, in estimating the benefits and administrative costs which will be payable from the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a year for purposes of determining the monthly premium rate under Medicare part B (Federal Supplemental Medical Insurance), the Secretary shall exclude an estimate of any benefits and administrative costs attributable to application of the new part D program.

Amends SSA title XIX (Medicaid) to provide for verification of eligibility for benefits under the new part D program.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jul 2, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 1, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Introduced in House
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