

HR 4195

Preserving Access to Affordable Drugs Act of 2004

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 6, 2004)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: NJ • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Apr 22, 2004
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Apr 22, 2004
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Apr 22, 2004
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Apr 22, 2004
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Apr 22, 2004
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Apr 22, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 6, 2004
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 27, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 2339	Identical bill	Apr 22, 2004: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Preserving Access to Affordable Drugs Act of 2004 - Amends part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, to: (1) allow employer contributions on drug costs to count towards the catastrophic limit; and (2) provide for direct subsidies for certain State pharmaceutical assistance programs.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to ensure that employer-based plans receive the same subsidization as the Medicare prescription drug plans.

Amends SSA title XIX (Medicaid), as amended by the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, to ensure that States can provide supplemental Medicaid prescription drug coverage to complement the Medicare drug benefit for seniors who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

Repeals the comparative cost adjustment program under Medicare.

Amends SSA title XVIII part D, as amended by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, to allow the provision of wrap-around prescription drug coverage through Medigap.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **May 6, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 27, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 22, 2004:** Introduced in House
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- **Apr 22, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E636-637)
- **Apr 22, 2004:** 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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