

HR 4321

To amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate and disclose lowest possible prices for prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: May 10, 2004

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 21, 2004)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2004
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 18, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 10, 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 repeal provisions prohibiting the Secretary of Health and Human Services from interfering with the negotiations between drug manufacturers and pharmacies and prescription drug plan sponsors with respect to drug price. Replaces them with a requirement that the Secretary negotiate and disclose the lowest possible prices for prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries.

Actions Timeline

- **May 21, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 18, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 10, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **May 10, 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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