

## HR 152

Preserving Access to Affordable Drugs Act of 2005

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 4, 2005

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 4, 2005)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/152>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-13]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 4, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2005

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Preserving Access to Affordable Drugs Act of 2005 - Amends part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to: (1) allow employer contributions on drug costs to count towards the annual out-of-pocket 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) 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 to allow the provision of wrap-around prescription drug coverage through Medigap.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Feb 4, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 25, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 4, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E22)
- **Jan 4, 2005:** 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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