

S 1778

Medicare Cost-Sharing and Welfare Extension Act of 2005

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Oct 7, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

Party: Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 27, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 7, 2005
Finance Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Sep 29, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 29, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 4635	Related bill	Dec 30, 2005: Became Public Law No: 109-161.
109 S 2119	Related bill	Dec 16, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Medicare Cost-Sharing and Welfare Extension Act of 2005 - Amends title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to extend through September 2006 the program of cost-sharing assistance to qualifying individuals for the Medicare Part B premium (QI program).

Sets the total amount available for allocation for the QI program as follows: (1) for the period that begins on October 1, 2005, and ends on December 31, 2005, at \$100 million; and (2) for the period that begins on January 1, 2006, and ends on September 30, 2006, at \$300 million.

Extends through March 31, 2006: (1) the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF) under SSA title IV part A; (2) the separate program for abstinence education; (3) additional grants for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa; (4) supplemental grants for population increases in certain states; and (5) the Transitional Medical Assistance program under Medicaid. Makes appropriations.

Extends the National Random Sample Study of Child Welfare and Child Welfare Waiver Authority through March 31, 2006.

Excludes drugs used to treat sexual or erectile dysfunction from coverage as prescription drugs under SSA title XVIII (Medicare), beginning in 2007, except when used to treat another condition, subject to Food and Drug Administration approval. Authorizes states to restrict or exclude such drugs from coverage, with the same exception, under Medicaid.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 7, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 29, 2005:** Senate Committee on Finance discharged by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Sep 29, 2005:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S10696)
- **Sep 29, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S10696)
- **Sep 29, 2005:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S10696)
- **Sep 29, 2005:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 29, 2005:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 29, 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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- **Sep 27, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 27, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S10517-10518)
- **Sep 27, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.