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Policy Area: Health

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Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		May 4, 2005
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Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		May 4, 2005
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Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		May 4, 2005
Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX		May 4, 2005
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Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-8]	D · CA		May 4, 2005
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		May 4, 2005
Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		May 4, 2005
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		May 4, 2005
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		May 4, 2005
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Rep. Salazar, John T. [D-CO-3]	D · CO		May 4, 2005
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		May 4, 2005

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Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		May 4, 2005
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 4, 2005
Rep. Schwartz, Allyson Y. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		May 4, 2005
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Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jun 9, 2005
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Jun 24, 2005
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Dec 14, 2005
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Dec 16, 2005
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Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		May 9, 2006
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 16, 2006
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jun 6, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	May 20, 2005
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 23, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 16, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 3747	Related bill	Jul 27, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Medicare Early Access Act of 2005 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to add a new part E (Purchase of Medicare Benefits by Certain Individuals 55 to 65 Years of Age).

Provides access to Medicare benefits for individuals 55 to 64 years of age who do not have coverage under a Federal health insurance program or under a group plan.

Requires enrollees to pay a premium to receive Medicare coverage. Requires the Secretary to base the premium on the Secretary's estimate of the average, national annual per capita amount of the cost of providing services to the population.

Allows early retirees with access to retiree coverage to enroll under this part while keeping their Federal or State COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985) continuation coverage. Allows an employer that offers employment-based retiree health coverage to an individual who enrolls under this part to modify such coverage to provide for: (1) employer payment of items and services for which payment may not be made under Medicare; and (2) employer payment of 25 percent of the monthly premium applicable to the individual after enrollment.

Creates in the Treasury the Medicare Early Access Trust Fund to hold the premiums collected under this Act and to support the new program.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow program enrollees to receive a 75 percent advance, refundable credit to offset Medicare early access premium costs (thus requiring program enrollees in the Medicare early access program to be responsible for 25 percent of the monthly premiums).

Actions Timeline

- **May 23, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **May 20, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- **May 16, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 4, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **May 4, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E862)
- **May 4, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, 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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