

## S 2601

Health Care Choices for Seniors Act

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Apr 7, 2006

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Apr 7, 2006)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/2601>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. DeMint, Jim [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 7, 2006
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Aug 3, 2006

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 7, 2006

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 4551	Related bill	<b>Jan 3, 2006:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.

## Summary (as of Apr 7, 2006)

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Health Care Choices for Seniors Act - Amends title II (Old Age, Survivor's and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a procedure under which an individual otherwise entitled to benefits under part A (Hospital Insurance) of SSA title XVIII (Medicare) may waive such entitlement and be automatically enrolled in the Medicare Alternative Voucher Program (MAV Program).

Directs the Secretary to establish the MAV Program, under which a voucher may be used as a contribution into a health savings account and for the payment of enrollment premiums under a high deductible health plan.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to increase the amount of the itemized deduction for health savings accounts by the amount of the MAV that is contributed to an individual's health savings account.

Amends SSA title XVIII to suspend Medicare late enrollment penalties for individuals between ages 65 and 70 who are enrolled in the MAV program.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 7, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 7, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3382-3383)
- **Apr 7, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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