

S 2723

Pharmacists Medicare Relief Act of 2006

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 4, 2006

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 4, 2006)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/2723>

Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		May 4, 2006
Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]	D · CO		May 9, 2006
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 12, 2006
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		May 15, 2006
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		May 23, 2006
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Aug 3, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 4, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5182	Related bill	<b>May 15, 2006:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.
109 HR 5307	Identical bill	<b>May 15, 2006:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman .
109 S 2664	Related bill	<b>Apr 27, 2006:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
109 S 2563	Related bill	<b>Apr 6, 2006:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3220-3221)

Pharmacists Medicare Relief Act of 2006 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment of clean claims to pharmacies by prescription drug plans (PDPs) and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans (MA-PD Plans). Defines prompt payment as within 14 days from submission for claims submitted electronically, and within 30 days for claims submitted otherwise. Requires payment of interest, also, if a payment is not issued, mailed, or otherwise transmitted within the applicable number of calendar days.

Prohibits a Medicare prescription drug card issued by a PDP sponsor or an MA-PD plan, and any related marketing materials, from displaying the name or brand of any pharmacy (co-branding). Prescribes criminal penalties for engaging in prohibited co-branding.

### **Actions Timeline**

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