

HR 4551

Health Care Choices for Seniors Act

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Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (23 total)

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Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Dec 18, 2005
Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		Dec 18, 2005
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-5]	R · IA		Dec 18, 2005
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Dec 18, 2005
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Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Sullivan, John [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Feb 1, 2006
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Rep. Weldon, Dave [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Feb 1, 2006
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Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Feb 7, 2006
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Feb 16, 2006
Rep. Kuhl, John R. "Randy", Jr. [R-NY-29]	R · NY		Feb 16, 2006
Rep. Garrett, Scott [R-NJ-5]	R · NJ		Mar 7, 2006
Rep. Jenkins, William L. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Mar 16, 2006
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		May 10, 2006
Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-3]	R · IN		May 11, 2006
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	R · FL		Jul 17, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 3, 2006
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 15, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2601	Related bill	Apr 7, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Dec 15, 2005)

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.

Suspends Medicare late enrollment penalties for individuals between ages 65 and 70.

Actions Timeline

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