

## HR 4796

Medicare Accountability, Bargaining, and Compassion for Part D (ABC for D) Act

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 16, 2006

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.  
(Feb 17, 2006)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Moran, Jerry [R-KS-1]

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Feb 16, 2006
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Feb 16, 2006
Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Mar 14, 2006
Rep. Boozman, John [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Mar 15, 2006
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Mar 29, 2006

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 17, 2006
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 16, 2006

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Medicare Accountability, Bargaining, and Compassion for Part D (ABC for D) Act - Expresses the sense of Congress with respect to outreach and education for the prescription drug program under Medicare part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program).

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to: (1) require registration with state insurance departments of prescription drug plan sponsors in each state in which they offer a prescription drug plan; and (2) revise requirements for the Medicare prescription drug enrollment process.

Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate contracts with manufacturers of covered part D drugs in order to ensure that beneficiaries pay the lowest possible price.

Provides for increased funding for state health insurance counseling programs and Social Security regional offices for part D enrollment.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 17, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Feb 16, 2006:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 16, 2006:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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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