

HR 5116

Choice for America's Seniors Act of 2006

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 19, 2006
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 6, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5263	Related bill	May 15, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
109 HR 5336	Related bill	May 15, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
109 S 2665	Related bill	Apr 27, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
109 HR 5173	Related bill	Apr 25, 2006: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.
109 HR 5102	Related bill	Apr 19, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
109 S 2255	Related bill	Feb 8, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Apr 6, 2006)

Choice for America's Seniors Act of 2006 - Amends part C (Medicare+Choice) of title XVIII (Medicare) the Social Security Act (SSA) to provide for a six-month extension of the 2006 initial enrollment period for Medicare prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage (MA) plans.

Amends SSA title XVIII part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) to suspend the Medicare prescription drug late enrollment penalty during 2006.

Amends SSA title XVIII part C to allow changes of enrollment in Medicare prescription drug plans and MA plans twice during the year.

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to prohibit removal of covered part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) drugs from a prescription drug plan formulary, or imposition of a restriction or limitation on the coverage of such a drug, during the plan year: (1) except at the beginning; or (2) for an individual enrollee, from the date of enrollment until December 31 of the immediately succeeding plan year. Specifies exceptions to such prohibition.

Requires an advance notice before the time of each annual coordinated election period for a plan year of any changes in the formulary or other restrictions or limitations on coverage of a covered part D drug that will take effect for that plan year.

Actions Timeline

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