

HR 5263

To amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the 2006 and 2007 initial enrollment periods for the Medicare prescription drug benefit and suspend the late enrollment penalty through December 31, 2007, to permit Medicare beneficiaries to change enrollment in a prescription drug plan during the first 12 months of enrollment, and to prevent changes in formularies other than at the time of open enrollment periods and only with advance notice.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2006
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 2, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2665	Related bill	Apr 27, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
109 HR 4399	Related bill	Apr 25, 2006: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1713)
109 HR 5102	Related bill	Apr 19, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
109 HR 5116	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.
109 S 2240	Related bill	Feb 2, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S512-513)

Summary (as of May 2, 2006)

Amends part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to: (1) extend the 2006 and 2007 initial enrollment periods for the Medicare prescription drug benefit; (2) suspend the late enrollment penalty through December 31, 2007; and (3) permit Medicare beneficiaries to change enrollment in a prescription drug plan during the first 12 months of enrollment.

Prohibits a PDP sponsor, beginning with 2006, from removing a covered part D drug from the plan formulary, or imposing a restriction or limitation on the coverage of such a drug, other than at the beginning of each plan year, except as the Secretary may permit to take into account new therapeutic uses and newly covered part D drugs.

Requires each PDP sponsor to furnish to each plan enrollee, at the time of each annual coordinated election period, a notice of any changes in the formulary or other part D drug coverage restrictions or limitations that will take effect for the upcoming plan year.

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 2, 2006:** Introduced in House
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