

## S 778

### Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2005

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Apr 13, 2005

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Apr 13, 2005)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/778>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 13, 2005

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 13, 2005

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Apr 13, 2005)

Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2005 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to prohibit any payment to a pharmacy unless it ensures: (1) that each valid prescription is filled without unnecessary delay or other interference, consistent with the normal timeframe for filling prescriptions; and (2) that, if the prescribed item is not in the pharmacy's stock, the pharmacy will order such item without unnecessary delay or, if the patient prefers, will transfer the prescription to a local pharmacy of the patient's choice or return the prescription to the patient, at the patient's request.

Amends SSA title XIX (Medicaid) to require any pharmacy that provides services to any individual eligible for medical assistance to comply with the requirements of this Act.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 13, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 13, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3564)
- **Apr 13, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.