

S 1827

Pharmacist Access and Recognition in Medicare (PhARM) Act of 2007

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jul 19, 2007

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jul 19, 2007)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/1827>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]

Party: Republican • State: MS • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jul 19, 2007
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jul 19, 2007
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Sep 12, 2007
Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	R · MN		Sep 17, 2007
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Sep 19, 2007
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Oct 2, 2007
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Oct 16, 2007
Sen. Coburn, Tom [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 27, 2008
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 7, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 19, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Pharmacist Access and Recognition in Medicare (PhARM) Act of 2007 - Amends part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment of clean claims to pharmacies by prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans. Defines prompt payment as within 14 days from submission for claims submitted electronically, and within 30 days for claims submitted otherwise. Requires payment of interest, also, if a payment is not issued, mailed, or otherwise transmitted within the applicable number of calendar days.

Prohibits a Medicare prescription drug card issued by a prescription drug plan sponsor from displaying the name, brand, or trademark (co-branding) of any pharmacy.

Revises requirements for a covered medication therapy management program, allowing it to be furnished by a health care provider, other than a pharmacist, with advanced training in medication management.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to specify: (1) the population of part D eligible individuals appropriate for services under a medication therapy management program, based on certain characteristics; and (2) a minimum defined package of medication therapy management services that shall be provided to each enrollee.

Revises requirements for pharmacy fees.

Directs the Secretary to establish: (1) a two-year demonstration program to examine the impact of medication therapy management furnished by a pharmacist in a community-based or ambulatory-based setting on quality of care, spending, and patient health; and (2) a Best Practices Commission to develop a best practices model for medication therapy management.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 19, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 19, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9619)
- **Jul 19, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.