

## HR 2149

Healthcare Eligibility for Late Participants (HELP) in Medicare Part D Act of 2007

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 15, 2007)

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 3, 2007
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2007

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Healthcare Eligibility for Late Participants (HELP) in Medicare Part D Act of 2007 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to waive the late enrollment penalty under Medicare part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) for certain months for individuals who: (1) are first eligible to enroll for such benefit for 2006 or 2007; and (2) enroll by the end of the first annual, coordinated election period following their initial enrollment period. Limits the amount of such penalty for any eligible individual for a continuous period of eligibility to 25% of the base beneficiary premium.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to report to Congress on the Medicare prescription drug late enrollment penalty.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 15, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 3, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **May 3, 2007:** 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.
- **May 3, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.