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## HR 470

To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for continuity of Medicare prescription drug coverage for full-benefit dual eligible individuals, for Medicare prescription drug coverage of benzodiazepines and off-label uses of certain prescription drugs and biological products, for optional Medicaid coverage of Medicare prescription drug cost-sharing for full-benefit dual eligible individuals, and for authorization to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive certain determinations denying Medicare prescription drug coverage.

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 12, 2007

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 2, 2007)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2007
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 18, 2007

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jan 12, 2007)

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Amends part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program ) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to provide for continuity of coverage of prescription drugs under Medicare prescription drug plans for full-benefit dual eligible individuals.

Provides for Medicare prescription drug coverage of benzodiazepines and of off-label uses of prescription drugs and biologicals.

Amends SSA title XIX (Medicaid) to permit state Medicaid programs to cover Medicare prescription drug copayments for full-benefit dual eligible individuals.

Amends SSA title XVIII to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive denial of Medicare prescription drug coverage.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 2, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 18, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 12, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 12, 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.