# HR 6359

Medicare Beneficiary Protection Act of 2008

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)
**Chamber:** House
**Policy Area:** Health
**Introduced:** Jun 24, 2008
**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jun 30, 2008)
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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Biggert, Judy [R-IL-13]
**Party:** Republican • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

## Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred To | Jun 24, 2008 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Jun 30, 2008 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|---|---|---|
| 110 S 2687 | Identical bill | **Mar 3, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

## Summary (as of Jun 24, 2008)

Medicare Beneficiary Protection Act of 2008 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop and maintain a Medicare plan complaint system.

Requires non-network Medicare Advantage private fee-for-service plans to disclose providers that refuse to accept certain enrollees in the plan.

Prohibits certain marketing practices with respect to Medicare Advantage plans and prescription drug plans, including provision for meals or other items of monetary value, telemarketing, cross-selling, and up-selling.

Revises enrollment requirements under Medicare parts C (Medicare+Choice) and D (Voluntary Prescription Drugs). Allows an individual to discontinue an election of a Medicare+Choice plan if enrolled fewer than 60 days. Changes the beginning date of the annual, coordinated election period for such a plan from November 15 to October 1.

Requires the Secretary, in establishing a process for the enrollment, disenrollment, termination, and change of enrollment of part D eligible individuals in prescription drug plans, to use rules similar to (and coordinated with) those under the Medicare+Choice program for a continuous open enrollment and disenrollment period for the first three months of the year in which an individual first becomes eligible.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jun 30, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 24, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 24, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.

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