

## S 1221

A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more appropriate payment amounts for drugs and biologicals under part B of the Medicare Program by excluding customary prompt pay discounts extended to wholesalers from the manufacturer's average sales price.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 9, 2009

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6384)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6384) (Jun 9, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/1221>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Specter, Arlen [D-PA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 9, 2009
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jun 10, 2009
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 18, 2009
Sen. Bennett, Robert F. [R-UT]	R · UT		Jun 23, 2009
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 20, 2009
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Aug 4, 2009
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Sep 29, 2009
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 24, 2010
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 10, 2010
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		Dec 9, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 9, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1392	Identical bill	<b>Mar 10, 2009:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Jun 9, 2009)

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Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act with respect to the use of average sales price methodology for calculating payments for drugs and biologicals under Medicare part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance).

Excludes from the manufacturer's average sales price when calculating such payments any customary prompt pay discounts extended to wholesalers.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 9, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 9, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6383-6384)
- **Jun 9, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6384)