

## 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

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

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### 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	Mar 10, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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)