

HR 2580

Empowering Medicare Patient Choices Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jun 2, 2009)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]

Party: Democratic • State: OR • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jul 8, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 2, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 21, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1133	Related bill	May 21, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5836-5840)

Empowering Medicare Patient Choices Act - Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to: (1) contract with an entity to establish consensus-based standards to certify patient decision aids; and (2) establish an expert panel to make recommendations about which patient decision aids should be implemented, appropriate training for health care providers on patient decision aids and shared decision making, and appropriate quality measures for use in the related pilot program

Directs the Secretary to establish a pilot program to provide for the phased-in development, implementation, and evaluation of shared decision making under the Medicare program using patient decision aids to improve beneficiary understanding of medical treatment options.

Directs the Secretary to provide financial assistance for establishment of Shared Decision Making Resource Centers to support adoption, implementation, and effective use of patient decision aids and shared decision making by eligible Medicare providers.

Specifies the medical conditions for approved patient decision aids

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary to promulgate regulations that: (1) specify for which preference-sensitive conditions beneficiaries should participate in shared decision making; (2) require service providers and suppliers to make sure that beneficiaries receive appropriate patient decision aids; and (3) specify a process for beneficiaries to elect not to use such patient decision aids.

Prescribes a penalty for service providers or item suppliers if a patient does not receive a patient decision aid before an item or service is furnished, unless the patient has elected not to use such an aid.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 2, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 21, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1236)
- **May 21, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means
- **May 21, 2009:** 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.
- **May 21, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce