

## HR 2860

### Medicare Drug Savings Through Choice Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 12, 2009

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jun 15, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/2860>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT-5]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Jun 12, 2009

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 15, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 12, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Jun 12, 2009)

Medicare Drug Savings Through Choice Act of 2009 - Amends part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to: (1) offer a Medicare operated prescription drug plan with a service area that consists of the entire United States; (2) negotiate with pharmaceutical manufacturers to reduce the purchase cost of covered Medicare part D drugs; and (3) encourage the use of more affordable therapeutic equivalents.

Requires the monthly beneficiary premium charged under such a plan to be uniform nationally. Requires adjustment of such premium amount in case of supplemental prescription drug coverage.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 15, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 12, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 12, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Jun 12, 2009:** 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.
- **Jun 12, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means