

## HR 3418

### Medicare Prescription Drug Cost Equalization Act

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jul 30, 2009

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 31, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/3418>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Ellsworth, Brad [D-IN-8]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bright, Bobby [D-AL-2]	D · AL		Sep 14, 2009
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 31, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 30, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Jul 30, 2009)

Medicare Prescription Drug Cost Equalization Act - Amends part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require application to specialty tier drugs (very high cost and unique items) of the process for exception from the tiered cost-sharing for drugs included within a formulary.

(Under an exception, a nonpreferred drug could be covered under the terms applicable for preferred drugs if the prescribing physician determines that the preferred drug for treatment of the same condition either would not be as effective for the individual, or would have adverse effects for the individual, or both.)

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 31, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 30, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Jul 30, 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.
- **Jul 30, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means