

HR 3799

Affordable Access to Prescription Medications Act of 2009

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Policy Area: Health

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Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Nov 17, 2009
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Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Apr 21, 2010
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Apr 21, 2010
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Apr 22, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 16, 2009
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 14, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 13, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1630	Identical bill	Aug 6, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S9027-9029)

Summary (as of Oct 13, 2009)

Affordable Access to Prescription Medications Act of 2009 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and the Internal Revenue Code, with respect to prescription drug plans, to limit the required co-payment or coinsurance for any one prescription to \$200, and for all prescriptions in any month to \$500.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, to expand the formulary tier exception request process to allow Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in a prescription drug plan to request an exception for a specialty prescription drug as a non-preferred prescription drug.

Requires the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to study and report to Congress on: (1) the prescription drug program under Medicare part D and the interaction of such program with Medicare beneficiary access to covered drugs under part B; and (2) cost-sharing for prescription drugs under Medicare parts B and D, including an analysis of the impact of eliminating cost-sharing for covered part D drugs for Medicare beneficiaries who incur annual out-of-pocket cost-sharing, after the initial coverage limit, that exceeds 5% of their income and who do not otherwise qualify for an income-related subsidy or other extra help or cost-sharing relief.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 16, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Oct 14, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 13, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 13, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Oct 13, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, 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.
- **Oct 13, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means
- **Oct 13, 2009:** Referred to House Education and Labor