

## HR 616

To amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an exemption of pharmacies and pharmacists from certain Medicare accreditation requirements in the same manner as such exemption applies to certain professionals.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jan 22, 2009)

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Rep. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Mar 16, 2010
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 22, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 21, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 511	Related bill	<b>Mar 3, 2009:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of Jan 21, 2009)

Amends part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, with respect to Medicare quality standards for suppliers of items and services which shall be applied by recognized independent accreditation organizations.

Applies to pharmacies and pharmacists the eligible professional exemption from such accreditation requirements, unless such standards are designed specifically for application to pharmacies and pharmacists.

Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to exempt pharmacies and pharmacists from such standards if licensing, accreditation, or other mandatory quality requirements apply to them with respect to the furnishing of items and services.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 22, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 21, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 21, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Jan 21, 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.
- **Jan 21, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means