

## HR 3613

### Part D Beneficiary Appeals Fairness Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 9, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 13, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Dec 8, 2011)

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Part D Beneficiary Appeals Fairness Act - Amends part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, with respect to a prescription drug plan (PDP) that provides for any tiered cost-sharing within a formulary (including a structure that provides for different co-payment or coinsurance amounts for drugs in different tiers included within the formulary), to authorize a Medicare part D eligible individual enrolled in the plan to request an exception to the tiered cost-sharing structure.

States that in no case may the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) allow a PDP sponsor to make any element of the tiered cost-sharing structure (including a tier used for very high cost or unique items) ineligible for lower-cost sharing through an exception.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 13, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 9, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 8, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 8, 2011:** 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.