

HR 6232

Medicare Better Health Rewards Program Act of 2012

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Sponsor

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Rep. Griffin, Tim [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Jul 31, 2012
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jul 31, 2012
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-17]	D · OH		Sep 11, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 3, 2012
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 6, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 2243	Identical bill	Mar 28, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Medicare Better Health Rewards Program Act of 2012 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a three-year Better Health Rewards Program under which incentives are provided to Medicare beneficiaries who voluntarily agree to participate in the Program.

Directs the Secretary to establish standards for measuring better health targets and points for achieving them for participating Medicare beneficiaries, including those for: (1) an annual wellness visit, (2) tobacco cessation, (3) Body Mass Index (BMI), (4) a diabetes screening test, (5) cardiovascular disease screening, (6) cholesterol level screening, and (7) screening tests and specified vaccinations.

Requires the Secretary to make specified incentive payments to each participating Medicare beneficiary who achieves at least 20 points during a year.

Authorizes Medicare Advantage Plans, "Section 1876" health maintenance organization and competitive medical cost plans, and programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) to make incentives to their enrollees to participate in a Better Health Rewards Program.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to exclude from gross income any payment made under: (1) the Medicare Better Health Rewards Program; and (2) any other Better Health Rewards Program.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 6, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 3, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.