

## HR 2524

Medicare Better Health Rewards Program Act of 2013

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 23, 2013)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Jun 26, 2013
Rep. Griffin, Tim [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Jun 26, 2013
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jun 26, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 28, 2013
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 23, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 1228	Identical bill	<b>Jun 26, 2013:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5266-5268)

Medicare Better Health Rewards Program Act of 2013 - 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**

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- **Jul 23, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 26, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 26, 2013:** 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.