

## S 1566

### Cancer Drug Coverage Parity Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** Senate

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| Cosponsor                          | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]            | D · MN        |      | Jun 11, 2015 |
| Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]          | R · LA        |      | Aug 3, 2015  |
| Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]          | R · LA        |      | Aug 5, 2015  |
| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]      | R · ME        |      | Aug 5, 2015  |
| Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]    | D · CT        |      | Aug 5, 2015  |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]          | D · OR        |      | Feb 10, 2016 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY        |      | Feb 11, 2016 |
| Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]         | D · OH        |      | Mar 10, 2016 |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]     | D · CO        |      | Apr 4, 2016  |
| Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]         | D · WI        |      | Apr 19, 2016 |
| Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]   | D · MD        |      | Apr 26, 2016 |
| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]        | R · AK        |      | Apr 26, 2016 |
| Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]       | R · MS        |      | Apr 26, 2016 |
| Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]  | D · DE        |      | May 10, 2016 |
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]    | D · NY        |      | May 10, 2016 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]         | D · MN        |      | May 17, 2016 |
| Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]    | D · RI        |      | Jun 6, 2016  |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]      | D · MA        |      | Jun 15, 2016 |
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]    | D · CT        |      | Jul 6, 2016  |
| Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]          | R · MS        |      | Sep 12, 2016 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]      | D · MA        |      | Nov 28, 2016 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jun 11, 2015 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action  |
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| 114 HR 2739 | Identical bill | <b>Jun 12, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

### Summary (as of Jun 11, 2015)

#### Cancer Drug Coverage Parity Act of 2015

This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to require a group or individual health plan that covers anticancer medications administered by a health care provider to provide no less favorable coverage for anticancer medications administered by a patient. A plan may apply to patient-administered anticancer medications only the cost-sharing and limitations that apply to anticancer medications administered by a health care provider.

These requirements apply to medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration that is prescribed based on a finding by the treating physician that the medication is medically necessary for cancer treatment and is clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent site, and duration.

To comply with these requirements, health plans may not, for anticancer medications: (1) change or replace benefits to increase out-of-pocket costs; (2) reclassify benefits to increase costs; or (3) apply more restrictive limitations to orally administered medications than to intravenously administered or injected medications.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jun 11, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 11, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.