

## 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

### Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 11, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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.