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Stopping Medication Abuse and Protecting Seniors Act of 2015

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Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 24, 2016
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 30, 2015

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 524	Related bill	Jul 22, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-198.
114 HR 4697	Related bill	Apr 1, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
114 HR 4876	Related bill	Mar 29, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 HR 6	Related bill	Jul 13, 2015: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
114 HR 2298	Related bill	Jun 1, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 S 1431	Related bill	May 21, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
114 HR 1021	Related bill	Mar 19, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Jul 30, 2015)

Stopping Medication Abuse and Protecting Seniors Act of 2015

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to: (1) authorize a Medicare prescription drug plan (PDP) sponsor to establish a drug management program under which the PDP sponsor may limit an at-risk beneficiary's access to coverage for frequently abused drugs to include only those drugs that are prescribed by selected prescribers and dispensed by selected pharmacies; and (2) require a PDP sponsor to have in place a utilization management tool to prevent drug abuse.

With respect to a drug management program, a PDP sponsor must: (1) provide specified notice to a beneficiary who has been identified by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) as "at-risk" and consequently enrolled in the program; and (2) in selecting prescribers and dispensers, ensure that the beneficiary continues to have reasonable access to drugs. These determinations shall be subject to expedited reconsideration and appeal. A PDP sponsor must review and consider an at-risk beneficiary's preferences regarding prescriber and pharmacy selection.

Certain individuals, including those receiving hospice care or residing in a long-term care facility, are exempted from enrollment in a drug management program.

CMS must, for purposes of quality or performance assessments, review and consider complaints received from at-risk beneficiaries regarding lack of access due to their enrollment in a drug management program. In addition, CMS must establish rules and procedures requiring a PDP sponsor to provide specified program data.

Actions Timeline

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