

HR 2005

Medicare Drug Savings Act of 2015

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Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Sep 16, 2015
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2016
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Feb 3, 2016
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Feb 4, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 24, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 13, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3513	Related bill	Sep 18, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 S 2023	Related bill	Sep 10, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
114 S 1083	Identical bill	Apr 23, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Apr 23, 2015)

Medicare Drug Savings Act of 2015

Amends part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSAct) to require drug manufacturers to pay the Secretary of Health and Human Services drug rebates for rebate eligible (low-income) individuals. Excludes from Medicare coverage as a part D drug any drug or biological manufactured by a manufacturer that has not entered into and have in effect a rebate agreement with the Secretary.

Requires a rebate agreement to require a drug or biological manufacturer to provide to the Secretary a rebate, determined according to a specified formula, for each rebate period ending after December 31, 2015, for any covered Medicare part D drug dispensed after that date to any rebate eligible individual for which payment was made by a prescription drug plan sponsor or MedicareAdvantage organization for such period.

Specifies a formula for determination of Medicaid rebate amounts for such drugs or biologicals.

Amends SSAct title XIX (Medicaid) to exclude any amounts paid under a rebate agreement from the determination of best price and average manufacturer price under the Medicaid program.

Actions Timeline

- **May 13, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 24, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 23, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 23, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.