

HR 3261

Medicare Prescription Drug Savings and Choice Act of 2015

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Aug 6, 2015)

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Sponsor

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Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Jul 31, 2015
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Dec 9, 2015
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Sep 8, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 31, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 6, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1884	Related bill	Jul 29, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6139-6140)

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This bill amends part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to offer one or more Medicare-operated prescription drug plan options. In doing so, CMS must: (1) negotiate prices with drug manufacturers; (2) establish an appeals process for denials of plan benefits, including the option for external review and determination by an independent entity; and (3) establish and apply a formulary and formulary incentives. In general, a Medicare-operated drug plan must meet the same requirements as apply to any other prescription drug plan.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 31, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 28, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 28, 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.