

## HR 4163

Territories Medicare Prescription Drug Assistance Equity Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Dec 2, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Dec 4, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/4163>

### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Dec 2, 2015
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Dec 2, 2015
Rep. Murphy, Patrick [D-FL-18]	D · FL		Dec 7, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 4, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 2, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2342	Related bill	<b>Dec 2, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Territories Medicare Prescription Drug Assistance Equity Act of 2015**

This bill amends titles XVIII (Medicare) and XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act to make certain income-based subsidies available to Medicare prescription drug program beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory and are otherwise eligible.

Current law makes such beneficiaries ineligible for premium and cost-sharing subsidies, but establishes a process for U.S. territories to apply for financial assistance with respect to the provision of Medicare prescription drugs. The bill retains a process for U.S. territories to apply for such assistance, but alters the formula by which the amount of assistance is calculated. Specifically, the bill phases in modifications to the formula that more closely align how assistance is calculated for U.S. territories with how it is calculated for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 4, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 2, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 2, 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.
- **Dec 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.