

HR 6109

Medicare Affordability and Enrollment Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Sep 28, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (4 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29] | D · TX | | Sep 21, 2016 |
| Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-9] | D · MI | | Sep 21, 2016 |
| Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7] | D · WA | | Sep 21, 2016 |
| Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38] | D · CA | | Sep 27, 2016 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred To | Sep 21, 2016 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House | Referred To | Sep 21, 2016 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Sep 28, 2016 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 114 S 3371 | Identical bill | Sep 21, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 114 S 1453 | Related bill | May 21, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 114 HR 1418 | Related bill | Mar 20, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

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This bill amends titles XVIII (Medicare) and XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act to:

- establish an annual limit on out-of-pocket expenditures for Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries;
- expand income-eligibility for cost-sharing and, with respect to beneficiaries consequently eligible for cost-sharing, establish a federal medical assistance percentage of 100% under Medicaid;
- limit the amount of coinsurance or copayment required of low-income beneficiaries;
- eliminate the two-year waiting period for Medicare coverage with respect to individuals with disabilities;
- allow beneficiaries residing in U.S. territories to be eligible for certain premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to other beneficiaries under the Medicare prescription drug benefit; and
- modify other provisions related to special rules for beneficiaries in Puerto Rico, income and resource determinations, and enrollment procedures.

The bill also amends the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 to extend funding for specified beneficiary outreach and education activities.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 28, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 21, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 21, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.