

## HR 696

To amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exclude customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers from the average sales price for drugs and biologicals under Medicare, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 3, 2015

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 27, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/696>

### Sponsor

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| Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]          | R · KY        |      | Apr 13, 2015 |
| Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]         | R · PA        |      | Feb 1, 2016  |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred to | Feb 6, 2015  |
| Ways and Means Committee      | House   | Referred to | Feb 27, 2015 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

| Bill      | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|-----------|----------------|---|
| 114 S 506 | Identical bill | <b>Feb 12, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

## Summary (as of Feb 3, 2015)

Amends part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to exclude from the average sales price in calculating Medicare payments for drugs and biologicals any customary prompt pay discounts from manufacturers to wholesalers.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 27, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 3, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 3, 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.