

HR 2050

Medicare Demonstration of Coverage for Low Vision Devices Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Apr 21, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Apr 6, 2017
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Apr 6, 2017
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Apr 28, 2017
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Apr 28, 2017
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Feb 27, 2018
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Mar 7, 2018
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Mar 13, 2018
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Mar 13, 2018
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Apr 13, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 21, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Medicare Demonstration of Coverage for Low Vision Devices Act of 2017

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to carry out a demonstration project to evaluate the fiscal impact of covering low-vision devices under Medicare in the same manner as Medicare coverage is provided for durable medical equipment. "Low-vision device" means a physician-prescribed device that magnifies, enhances, or otherwise augments or interprets visual images; the term does not include ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses.

The bill appropriates \$2.5 million for FY2018 and each of the next four fiscal years for the CMS to carry out the project.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 7, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E475)
- **Apr 6, 2017:** 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.