

HR 3271

Protecting Access to Diabetes Supplies Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]

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

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Jul 17, 2017
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Jul 17, 2017
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Jul 27, 2017
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Sep 7, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Sep 7, 2017
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Oct 5, 2017
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Oct 24, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Sep 13, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 31, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1892	Related bill	Feb 9, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-123.
115 S 1914	Related bill	Oct 4, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Dec 6, 2017)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to modify provisions relating to Medicare's competitive acquisition program (through which rates are set through a competitive bidding program rather than by an established fee schedule) with respect to diabetic testing strips. Specifically, the bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to:

- use specified data to determine whether a bid satisfies certain requirements related to volume of coverage with respect to such products,
- reject a bid if the bidder does not demonstrate its ability to furnish such products in a manner consistent with its bid, and
- establish a process to monitor the extent to which an entity continues to cover the product types included in its bid.

The CMS may terminate a contract if it determines that an entity, for reasons other than product discontinuation or market-wide shortage, fails to maintain ready access to such products included its bid.

In addition, the bill specifies that an entity furnishing such products to beneficiaries under the program: (1) must furnish to each beneficiary a brand of strips that is compatible with the beneficiary's home blood glucose monitor, (2) may not attempt to influence or incentivize a beneficiary to switch the brand of either type of product, and (3) must contact and receive a request from a beneficiary no more than 14 days prior to dispensing a refill to the beneficiary.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 6, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 115-447, Part I.
- **Dec 6, 2017:** Committee on Ways and Means discharged.
- **Dec 6, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 329.
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 13, 2017:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 13, 2017:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jul 31, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 17, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 17, 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.