

HR 3749

SNAP Standard Medical Expense Deduction Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Sep 12, 2017
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Sep 12, 2017
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Sep 12, 2017
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Sep 12, 2017
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Sep 12, 2017
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Sep 12, 2017
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Sep 12, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Sep 12, 2017
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Sep 14, 2017
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Sep 18, 2017
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Oct 10, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 5, 2017
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 12, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 15, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 12, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1707	Identical bill	Aug 2, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SNAP Standard Medical Expense Deduction Act of 2017

This bill amends the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to allow households containing an elderly or disabled member to use a standard medical expense deduction for calculating income to apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program) benefits.

If the amount of actual costs of allowable medical expenses incurred by the elderly or disabled member for a month, exclusive of special diets, is equal to or greater than \$35, the standard medical deduction for each month is: (1) \$140 for FY2018, and (2) the preceding year's amount with a specified adjustment for inflation for FY2019 and each subsequent year. If the monthly costs are greater than the sum of the standard medical deduction and \$35, the household may deduct the actual costs.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) may approve a standard medical deduction that is higher than the amount required by this bill.

USDA must submit specified studies and reports to Congress regarding: (1) state performance in enrolling disabled and elderly individuals in SNAP and specified Medicare programs, (2) disability and food insecurity, and (3) the effectiveness of the standard medical deduction.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 5, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition.
- **Sep 15, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 12, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 12, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and the Workforce, 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.