

HR 707

Health Care Choices for Seniors Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2017
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill amends title II (Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act to require the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish the Medicare Alternative Voucher (MAV) Program, under which a voucher may be used as a contribution into a health savings account and for the payment of enrollment premiums under a high-deductible health plan. HHS must establish a procedure under which an individual otherwise entitled to Medicare benefits may waive such entitlement and be automatically enrolled in the MAV Program.

In addition, the bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to increase the amount of the deduction from gross income for health savings accounts by the amount of the MAV that is contributed to an individual's health savings account.

The bill also suspends Medicare late enrollment penalties for an individual between ages 65 and 70.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 8, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 27, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 27, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.