

## S 815

### Territories Medicare Prescription Drug Assistance Equity Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Apr 4, 2017

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Apr 4, 2017)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 4, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 4, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 4, 2017
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 4, 2017
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Apr 7, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 4, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2026	Related bill	Oct 26, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Territories Medicare Prescription Drug Assistance Equity Act of 2017**

This bill makes certain subsidies available to Medicare prescription drug program beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory. Current law makes such beneficiaries ineligible for premium and cost-sharing subsidies, but establishes a process for U.S. territories to apply for financial assistance with respect to the provision of Medicare prescription drugs. The bill eliminates this process and makes the subsidies available to beneficiaries who reside in a U.S. territory and are otherwise eligible.

### **Actions Timeline**

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