

HR 1346

Medicare Buy-In and Health Care Stabilization Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Dec 10, 2019)

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Dec 10, 2019 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 25, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 116 HR 4652 | Related bill | Oct 14, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |
| 116 HR 275 | Related bill | Sep 25, 2019: Subcommittee Hearings Held. |
| 116 S 964 | Related bill | Apr 1, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

Summary (as of Feb 25, 2019)

Medicare Buy-In and Health Care Stabilization Act of 2019

This bill establishes a Medicare buy-in option for certain qualifying individuals and makes a series of other changes relating to health care costs.

Specifically, the bill allows individuals aged 50 to 64 to enroll in Medicare if such individuals would otherwise qualify for Medicare at the age of 65. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must determine enrollment periods and set premiums for the buy-in option established under the bill, in accordance with specified requirements. The CMS must also award grants to states and nonprofit organizations for outreach and enrollment activities relating to the buy-in option.

The bill also (1) establishes a supplemental option under Medicare to cover cost-sharing for beneficiaries; (2) repeals provisions that prohibit the CMS from negotiating the prices of prescription drugs; and (3) establishes an individual market reinsurance program relating to coverage of high-cost individuals, as specified.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 10, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 25, 2019:** 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.