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Streamlining Part D Appeals Process Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 13, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3924	Identical bill	Jul 24, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Jun 13, 2019)

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This bill allows a Medicare beneficiary to directly appeal a pharmacy's refusal to fill a prescription as a coverage determination under the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Currently, if a pharmacy refuses to fill a prescription, the pharmacy provides the beneficiary with a notice explaining how to contact the beneficiary's prescription drug plan (PDP); the beneficiary must then obtain a written coverage determination (i.e., a decision denying coverage) from the PDP before initiating the appeals process.

Actions Timeline

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