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Improving Low Income Access to Prescription Drugs Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jun 27, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 27, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4199	Related bill	Jul 2, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4228)
116 HR 19	Related bill	Dec 19, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.
116 S 3129	Related bill	Dec 19, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 S 2543	Related bill	Sep 25, 2019: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 225.
116 HR 3029	Related bill	Jun 4, 2019: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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This bill provides statutory authority for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services transition program under the Medicare prescription drug benefit for limited-income, newly eligible individuals (i.e., individuals who are eligible for subsidies and have not yet enrolled in, or whose coverage has not yet taken effect under, a Medicare or Medicare Advantage prescription drug plan). The program's coverage provides immediate access to covered drugs at the point of sale as soon as the individual becomes eligible for subsidies; coverage also applies retroactively for dual eligible individuals and for individuals who receive benefits under the Supplemental Security Income program.

Actions Timeline

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