

HR 2296

More Efficient Tools to Realize Information for Consumers Act

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Sponsor

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| Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1] | R · GA | | Sep 19, 2019 |
| Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2] | D · WI | | Sep 19, 2019 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Reported by | Jul 11, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 7898 | Related bill | Jan 5, 2021: Became Public Law No: 116-321. |
| 116 HR 3 | Related bill | Sep 8, 2020: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 521. |
| 116 HR 19 | Related bill | Dec 19, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. |
| 116 HR 2115 | Related bill | Oct 29, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 116 S 1895 | Related bill | Jul 8, 2019: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 133. |
| 116 S 1227 | Related bill | Jun 28, 2019: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 131. |
| 116 S 2051 | Related bill | Jun 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 116 HR 3408 | Related bill | Jun 24, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |
| 116 HR 3415 | Related bill | Jun 24, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |
| 116 HR 2452 | Related bill | May 31, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. |
| 116 HR 2087 | Related bill | May 21, 2019: Subcommittee Hearings Held. |
| 116 HR 2376 | Related bill | May 21, 2019: Subcommittee Hearings Held. |
| 116 S 1391 | Related bill | May 9, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

Summary (as of Sep 24, 2019)

More Efficient Tools to Realize Information for Consumers Act or the METRIC Act

This bill requires prescription drug manufacturers to report, and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to publish, specified information related to prescription drug pricing and the pharmaceutical supply chain. Specifically, HHS must publish reports submitted by drug manufacturers that include the percentage of any wholesale drug price increase that is greater than 10% in one calendar year (or 25% over three consecutive years), an explanation for the price increase, and other data. HHS must enter agreements with other agencies, research organizations, and public and private health insurers to share data submitted to HHS by drug manufacturers about the identity and quantity of drug sample requests by health practitioners.

HHS also must publish online aggregate data reported by pharmacy benefits managers (PBMs), including the percentage of prescriptions provided by mail-order, rate that generic versions of drugs are dispensed, and aggregate discounts, rebates, or price concessions negotiated.

The bill requires the Federal Trade Commission to report about potentially anticompetitive practices by PBMs such as steering patients to certain pharmacies or designing price formulas that increase the market share of higher priced drugs, among other information. The report also must include recommendations to increase transparency and deter anticompetitive behavior.

The bill further requires Medicare prescription drug plan sponsors to implement an electronic, real-time benefit tool that provides prescribers with patient-specific formulary and benefit information. Additionally, the bill expands certain price reporting requirements for prescription drug payments under Medicare.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 24, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-215.
- **Sep 24, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 170.
- **Jul 17, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 17, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 11, 2019:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 11, 2019:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **May 21, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 15, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 12, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 12, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.