

HR 3029

Improving Low-Income Access to Prescription Drugs Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		May 28, 2019
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		May 28, 2019
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		May 28, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 4, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3417	Related bill	Dec 24, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 574.
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 S 1999	Related bill	Jun 27, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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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

- **Jun 4, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 28, 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.