

HR 4129

Medicare Demonstration of Coverage for Low Vision Devices Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 31, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Sep 12, 2019
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Feb 26, 2020
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Mar 4, 2020
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Mar 4, 2020
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Oct 27, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 31, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 30, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Medicare Demonstration of Coverage for Low Vision Devices Act of 2019

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to carry out a demonstration project to evaluate the fiscal impact of covering low-vision devices under Medicare in the same manner as Medicare coverage is provided for durable medical equipment. The bill defines *low-vision device* to mean a physician-prescribed device that magnifies, enhances, or otherwise augments or interprets visual images; the term does not include ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses.

The bill appropriates \$2.5 million for FY2020 and each of the next four fiscal years for the CMS to carry out the project.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 31, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 30, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 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.
- **Jul 30, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.