

## HR 4195

Territories Medicare Prescription Drug Assistance Equality Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Aug 20, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Aug 21, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/4195>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Aug 20, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 21, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 20, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Aug 20, 2019)

#### Territories Medicare Prescription Drug Assistance Equality Act of 2019

This bill makes certain income-based subsidies under the Medicare prescription drug benefit available to individuals who reside in Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory and are otherwise eligible.

Current law makes such individuals ineligible for premium and cost-sharing subsidies, but establishes a process for U.S. territories to apply for financial assistance with respect to the provision of Medicare prescription drugs. The bill retains a process for U.S. territories to apply for such assistance, but alters the formula by which the amount of assistance is calculated. Specifically, the bill phases in modifications to the formula that more closely align how assistance is calculated for U.S. territories with how it is calculated for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 21, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 20, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 20, 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.
- **Aug 20, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.