

HR 4629

Star Rating for Biosimilars Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7] | R · OH | | Oct 8, 2019 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Oct 9, 2019 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Oct 8, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 3 | Related bill | Sep 8, 2020: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 521. |
| 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 S 2543 | Related bill | Sep 25, 2019: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 225. |

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This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish quality measures regarding biosimilar biological products under the five-star performance rating system for Medicare Advantage plans. The measures must assess the level of access that plans provide to covered biosimilars, including with respect to formularies, cost-sharing, and utilization management.

The CMS must also incorporate such measures into similar rating systems for plans under the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 18, 2019:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H8232)
- **Oct 9, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 8, 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.
- **Oct 8, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.