

## HR 4671

### Helping Seniors Afford Health Care Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Oct 15, 2019

**Current Status:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 305.

**Latest Action:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 305. (Jan 24, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/4671>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Oct 22, 2019
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Dec 6, 2019

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged from	Oct 17, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 15, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Helping Seniors Afford Health Care Act

This bill alters eligibility standards and related processes for several programs that provide premium and cost-sharing assistance to low-income Medicare beneficiaries.

Among other things, the bill expands income eligibility for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program and the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Program to up to 135% and 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL), respectively, and provides an enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (i.e., federal matching rate) to state Medicaid programs for expenditures related to the expansion. The bill also repeals the Qualifying Individual Program (which currently provides premium assistance to beneficiaries with incomes between 120% and 135% of the FPL).

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 24, 2020:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-381, Part I.
- **Jan 24, 2020:** Committee on Ways and Means discharged.
- **Jan 24, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 305.
- **Oct 17, 2019:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Oct 17, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 17, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 16, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 15, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 15, 2019:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H8141)
- **Oct 15, 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 15, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Hearings Held by the Subcommittee on Health Prior to Introduction and Referral.