

HR 4913

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require PDP sponsors of a prescription drug plan under part D of the Medicare program that use a formulary to include certain generic drugs and biosimilar biological products on such formulary, and for other purposes.

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Nov 12, 2019
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Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Nov 14, 2019
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Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Dec 10, 2019
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Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Dec 19, 2019
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Dec 19, 2019
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Jan 13, 2020
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Jan 13, 2020
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jan 27, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 30, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 30, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 30, 2019)

This bill establishes additional requirements for prescription drug plan (PDP) sponsors that use formularies under the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Specifically, the bill requires PDP formularies to include covered generic drugs and biosimilars for which the wholesale acquisition cost is less than that of the reference (i.e., brand-name) product. PDP sponsors must also establish specific cost-sharing tiers that apply lower cost-sharing requirements for such covered generic drugs and biosimilars as compared to those for brand-name products.

The bill also prohibits PDP sponsors from instituting certain requirements relating to access to such covered generic drugs and biosimilars that are more restrictive than those for brand-name products (e.g., prior authorization requirements).

Actions Timeline

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