

## HR 6649

### Lower Drug Costs for Seniors During COVID-19 Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 1, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means

**Latest Action:** 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. (May 1, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6649>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		May 1, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of May 1, 2020)

#### Lower Drug Costs for Seniors During COVID-19 Act of 2020

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to establish a process for prescription drug plans under Medicare and Medicare Advantage to allow enrollees to make coinsurance payments in periodic installments, if the enrollee chooses to obtain the entire prescribed supply of a covered drug in a single fill. Current law allows an enrollee, during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019), to obtain the entire prescribed supply of a covered drug in a single fill or refill, up to a 90-day supply.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 1, 2020:** Introduced in House
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