

HR 7757

Long-Term Care Pharmacy Definition Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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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. (Jul 23, 2020)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Jul 23, 2020
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Oct 13, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 23, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 23, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4259	Identical bill	Jul 22, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill establishes a statutory definition for *long-term care pharmacy* under the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Currently, there is no statutory definition. Regulations from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) define a long-term care pharmacy as a pharmacy that is owned by or under contract with a long-term care facility to provide prescription drugs to the facility's residents. Additional requirements are set out in CMS guidance relating to the Medicare prescription drug benefit; pharmacies are also subject to regulations and guidance from other agencies (e.g., packaging requirements from the Food and Drug Administration).

The bill defines a long-term care pharmacy as a state-licensed pharmacy that is able to provide enhanced pharmacy and clinical services to individuals who have certain comorbid and medically complex chronic conditions and who reside in skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, or any other applicable setting (as determined by the CMS). The term *enhanced pharmacy and clinical services* includes medication dispensed in special packaging, drug utilization review, and 24-7 availability of medication delivery and on-call pharmacists.

Actions Timeline

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