

HR 19

Lower Costs, More Cures Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. (Oct 19, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]

Party: Republican • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (133 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-23]	R · CA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Nehls, Troy E. [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Apr 28, 2021
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Apr 28, 2021
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Apr 28, 2021
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Apr 28, 2021

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Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Apr 28, 2021
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Apr 28, 2021
Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-11]	R · TN		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		May 4, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		May 4, 2021
Rep. Bice, Stephanie I. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		May 4, 2021
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		May 4, 2021
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		May 4, 2021
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		May 4, 2021
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		May 4, 2021
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		May 4, 2021
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		May 4, 2021
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		May 4, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		May 4, 2021
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		May 7, 2021
Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-1]	R · IA		May 7, 2021
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		May 7, 2021
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		May 7, 2021
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		May 11, 2021
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		May 11, 2021
Rep. Scalise, Steve [R-LA-1]	R · LA		May 11, 2021
Rep. Bentz, Cliff [R-OR-2]	R · OR		May 12, 2021
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		May 12, 2021
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		May 17, 2021
Rep. Steel, Michelle [R-CA-48]	R · CA		May 17, 2021
Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]	R · OH		May 19, 2021
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		May 19, 2021
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		May 19, 2021
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		May 20, 2021
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Jun 1, 2021
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Jun 1, 2021
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Jun 1, 2021
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Jun 8, 2021
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Jun 14, 2021
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Jun 14, 2021
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		Jun 30, 2021

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Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Jul 1, 2021
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Jul 13, 2021
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Steil, Bryan [R-WI-1]	R · WI		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Fulcher, Russ [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Sep 23, 2021
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Ellzey, Jake [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Oct 5, 2021
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Oct 5, 2021
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. LaTurner, Jake [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Oct 27, 2021
Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Dec 2, 2021
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Murphy, Gregory [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jan 13, 2022
Rep. Fallon, Pat [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Jan 28, 2022
Rep. Feenstra, Randy [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Feb 18, 2022
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Mar 16, 2022
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Mar 29, 2022
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Mar 30, 2022
Rep. Carey, Mike [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Mar 31, 2022
Rep. Garcia, Mike [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Mar 31, 2022
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Mar 31, 2022
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Mar 31, 2022
Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Mar 31, 2022
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Mar 31, 2022
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Apr 1, 2022
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Apr 1, 2022
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Apr 1, 2022
Rep. Carl, Jerry L. [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Apr 5, 2022
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		May 6, 2022

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Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		May 18, 2022
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		May 31, 2022
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Jun 9, 2022
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Jul 5, 2022
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Jul 14, 2022
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jul 29, 2022
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Aug 5, 2022
Rep. Flores, Mayra [R-TX-34]	R · TX		Sep 13, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 22, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 21, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3682	Related bill	Jun 2, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 164	Related bill	Apr 23, 2021: Became Public Law No: 117-8.
117 S 898	Related bill	Mar 23, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 HR 1873	Related bill	Mar 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HR 1857	Related bill	Mar 12, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HR 153	Related bill	Mar 4, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.

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This bill establishes and modifies several programs and requirements to address prescription drug prices.

The bill modifies provisions under Medicare and Medicaid relating to prescription drug coverage and price transparency. Among other changes, the bill

- requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to publish certain information, as reported by pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), relating to generic dispensing rates, drug discounts and rebates, and payments between PBMs, health plans, and pharmacies;
- caps annual out-of-pocket spending under the Medicare prescription drug benefit;
- allows prescription drug plan sponsors under the Medicare prescription drug benefit to offer additional plans in a region;
- requires pass-through pricing models, and prohibits spread-pricing, for payment arrangements with PBMs under Medicaid; and
- allows states to include in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program covered outpatient drugs that are provided as part of physician or outpatient hospital services.

The bill also generally modifies other provisions relating to the regulation and costs of generic and brand-name drugs.

Among other changes, the bill

- prohibits the manufacturer of a brand-name, generic, or biosimilar drug from entering into certain agreements to resolve or settle a patent infringement claim in connection with the sale of a drug or biological product;
- permanently allows high deductible health plans to waive deductibles for insulin and associated products; and
- establishes the position of Chief Pharmaceutical Negotiator in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Judiciary, 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.
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.