

## HR 2608

Ensuring Seniors Access to Local Pharmacies Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Apr 16, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]

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

### Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		May 4, 2021
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		May 4, 2021
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Jun 4, 2021
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jun 4, 2021
Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Jun 8, 2021
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Jul 1, 2021
Rep. Carl, Jerry L. [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Aug 9, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 16, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 15, 2021
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Apr 15, 2021)

### Ensuring Seniors Access to Local Pharmacies Act of 2021

This bill establishes several requirements for prescription drug plans under the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Specifically, the bill requires prescription drug plans to allow any pharmacy located in a health professional shortage area, a medically underserved area, or a rural area to be included as an in-network pharmacy if the plan already has other in-network pharmacies in the same area.

The bill also establishes certain standards for prescription drug plans regarding pharmacy reimbursements and related disclosures. Among other things, the bill prohibits prescription drug plans from reimbursing a pharmacy in an amount that is less than the amount the pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) reimburses an affiliated pharmacy (i.e., a pharmacy that has a shared ownership interest with the PBM) for the same services.

## Actions Timeline

- **Apr 16, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 15, 2021:** 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.
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.