

HR 2881

Medicare Buy-In and Health Care Stabilization 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 29, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Apr 28, 2021
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Apr 28, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Apr 28, 2021
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 7, 2021
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Oct 5, 2021
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Feb 1, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 29, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2071	Related bill	Mar 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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This bill establishes a Medicare buy-in option for certain qualifying individuals and makes a series of other changes relating to health care costs.

Specifically, the bill allows individuals aged 50 to 64 to enroll in Medicare if such individuals would otherwise qualify for Medicare at the age of 65. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must determine enrollment periods and set premiums for the buy-in option established under the bill, in accordance with specified requirements. The CMS must also award grants to states and nonprofit organizations for outreach and enrollment activities relating to the buy-in option.

The bill also (1) establishes a supplemental option under Medicare to cover cost-sharing for beneficiaries; (2) repeals provisions that prohibit the CMS from negotiating the prices of prescription drugs; (3) establishes an individual market reinsurance program relating to coverage of high-cost individuals, as specified; and (4) makes permanent certain increases and expansions of the premium tax credit.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
- **Apr 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 28, 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.