

## HR 4811

Medicare Negotiation and Competitive Licensing Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Sep 8, 2021)

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Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2021
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Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2021
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Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Aug 24, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Aug 24, 2021
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Nov 30, 2021
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Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Dec 23, 2021
Rep. Brown, Shontel M. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Dec 23, 2021
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Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Feb 3, 2022
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		May 17, 2022
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jun 24, 2022
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Dec 14, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 29, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 30, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 29, 2021
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 8, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 29, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jul 29, 2021)

### Medicare Negotiation and Competitive Licensing Act of 2021

This bill establishes several requirements relating to the prices of prescription drugs.

Specifically, the bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies regarding prices for drugs covered under Medicare. (Current law prohibits the CMS from doing so.) If the CMS is unable to negotiate the price of a drug, such drug is subject to competitive licensing in order to further its sale under health insurance programs, notwithstanding existing government-granted exclusivities.

The negotiated prices also apply to other federal health care programs, private health insurance, and the uninsured; pharmacies that charge more than the negotiated price for uninsured individuals are subject to civil penalties. Manufacturers must also comply with specified reporting requirements relating to prices and licensing, subject to civil penalties.

The bill also institutes an excise tax on drugs for which the price spikes beyond a certain limit, subject to specified exemptions, as well as on drugs for which the price exceeds the negotiated price.

## Actions Timeline

- **Sep 8, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 30, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Oversight and Reform, Veterans' Affairs, and Armed Services, 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 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.