

HR 4941

PACE Part D Choice Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Aug 9, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Dec 12, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 9, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 6, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 5106	Related bill	Nov 16, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill allows Medicare-only beneficiaries who are enrolled in Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) to choose prescription drug plans that are not operated by PACE. (PACE is a program under Medicare and Medicaid that provides in-home and community services for certain individuals as an alternative to nursing home care.)

Specifically, the bill allows PACE enrollees who are Medicare (but not Medicaid) beneficiaries to choose a prescription drug plan that is not a Medicare Advantage plan or operated by PACE and for which annual out-of-pocket costs and federal subsidies are equal to or less than that under the applicable PACE prescription drug plan. The bill also allows for disenrollment from a chosen plan upon a change in medication or demonstration of an unexpected increase in out-of-pocket costs.

PACE programs must conduct outreach, monitor data, and coordinate benefits with respect to such options.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 6, 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.
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.