

HR 5099

Lowering Medicare Premiums and Prescription Drug Costs Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Aug 25, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9] | D · IL | | Aug 24, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Aug 25, 2021 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Aug 24, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HR 7585 | Related bill | Jun 29, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |
| 117 S 4486 | Related bill | Jun 23, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 117 HR 5165 | Related bill | Sep 6, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |
| 117 S 1844 | Identical bill | May 26, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

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This bill transfers certain programs that provide Medicare premium and cost-sharing assistance for low-income individuals from Medicaid to Medicare.

Specifically, the bill establishes a program under Medicare to assist low-income Medicare beneficiaries with premiums, coinsurance, deductibles, and other costs. Currently, such assistance is provided through Medicare Savings Programs, which are administered by state Medicaid programs.

The bill also establishes a related special enrollment period under Medicare, expands eligibility for assistance to beneficiaries with income up to 200% of the federal poverty line, and provides for joint eligibility determinations with respect to the bill's program and the low-income subsidy program under the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 25, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 24, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 24, 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 24, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.