

## HR 5165

Improving Medicare Coverage Act

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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. (Sep 6, 2021)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 6, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 3, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4486	Related bill	<b>Jun 23, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 5099	Related bill	<b>Aug 25, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 1844	Related bill	<b>May 26, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Improving Medicare Coverage Act

This bill temporarily expands eligibility for Medicare. It also temporarily establishes a premium and cost-sharing assistance program for low-income beneficiaries.

Specifically, the bill lowers the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 60. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must establish procedures to provide for automatic enrollment of qualifying individuals. Enrollment must be completed within 11 months of the bill's enactment.

The bill also 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.

The bill's provisions generally take effect six months after the bill's enactment and terminate five years later.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 6, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 3, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 3, 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.
- **Sep 3, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.