

HR 5237

Reduced Costs and Continued Cures Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. (Nov 1, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Sep 10, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 13, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 10, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5260	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
117 S 1428	Related bill	Dec 9, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 180.
117 HR 2884	Related bill	Sep 30, 2021: Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.
117 HR 2873	Related bill	Sep 29, 2021: Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 27 - 16.
117 HR 2891	Related bill	Sep 29, 2021: Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 28 - 13.
117 S 1435	Related bill	Jul 29, 2021: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
117 HR 4417	Related bill	Jul 14, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 2327	Related bill	Jul 13, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 2855	Related bill	Apr 27, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HR 2706	Related bill	Apr 21, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Sep 10, 2021)

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

For example, the bill establishes and alters several requirements under Medicare and Medicaid, including

- requiring drug manufacturers to issue rebates to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for covered drugs under Medicare that cost \$100 or more and for which the average manufacturer price increases faster than inflation,
- capping annual out-of-pocket spending under the Medicare prescription drug benefit, and
- increasing the maximum rebate amount under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program.

The bill also makes changes relating to market exclusivities and manufacturer price concessions for prescription drugs, including

- authorizing the Federal Trade Commission to initiate proceedings against parties to settlements of patent infringement claims that have anticompetitive effects with respect to drugs or biologics,
- limiting in certain instances the number of patents that the manufacturer of a biologic can assert in a lawsuit against a company seeking to sell a biosimilar version, and
- nullifying regulations relating to the treatment of certain Medicare prescription drug benefit rebates from drug manufacturers for purposes of federal anti-kickback laws.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.
- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
- **Sep 13, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 10, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 10, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Judiciary, 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 10, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.