

HR 5632

Long-Term Care Pharmacy Definition Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Oct 20, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]

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

Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Nov 3, 2021
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jan 13, 2022
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Jan 13, 2022
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Feb 28, 2022
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Feb 28, 2022
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Mar 17, 2022
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Mar 17, 2022
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		May 12, 2022
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		May 12, 2022
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		May 12, 2022
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Jun 14, 2022
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Jun 14, 2022
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jul 14, 2022
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Aug 16, 2022
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Sep 20, 2022
Rep. LaTurner, Jake [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Sep 20, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 20, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1574	Identical bill	May 12, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Oct 19, 2021)

Long-Term Care Pharmacy Definition Act of 2021

This bill establishes a statutory definition for *long-term care pharmacy* under the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Currently, there is no statutory definition. Regulations from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) define a long-term care pharmacy as a pharmacy that is owned by or under contract with a long-term care facility to provide prescription drugs to the facility's residents. Additional requirements are set out in CMS guidance relating to the Medicare prescription drug benefit; pharmacies are also subject to regulations and guidance from other agencies (e.g., packaging requirements from the Food and Drug Administration).

The bill defines a long-term care pharmacy as a state-licensed pharmacy that is able to provide enhanced pharmacy and clinical services to individuals who have certain comorbid and medically complex chronic conditions and who reside in skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, or any other applicable setting (as determined by the CMS). The term *enhanced pharmacy and clinical services* includes medication dispensed in special packaging, drug utilization review, and 24-7 availability of medication delivery and on-call pharmacists.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 20, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 19, 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.
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.