

## S 1703

### PACE Part D Choice Act of 2023

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 18, 2023)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** DE • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		May 18, 2023
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		May 9, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 18, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3549	Identical bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 8503	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 S 3950	Related bill	Mar 14, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **PACE Part D Choice Act of 2023**

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**

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