

HR 4846

Better Deals and Lower Prices Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 25, 2023
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 28, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2679	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 4822	Related bill	Sep 29, 2023: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 118-231, Part I.

## **Better Deals and Lower Prices Act**

This bill establishes reporting requirements for pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) with respect to services provided to health insurance plans.

First, PBMs must report annually to the plan sponsor certain information about the PBM's services, including the amount of prescription drug copayment assistance funded by drug manufacturers, a list of covered drugs billed under the plan during the reporting period, and the total gross and net spending by the health plan on prescription drugs during the reporting period. PBMs also must submit specified elements of the report (e.g., the total gross spending on prescription drugs) to the Government Accountability Office (GAO). The report must comply with the privacy requirements under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

The bill establishes civil penalties for violations of these requirements and provides for enforcement by the appropriate agencies.

GAO must report on the pharmacy networks of plans or PBMs, including whether such networks under common ownership with the plans or PBMs are designed to encourage plan enrollees to use network pharmacies over other pharmacies.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 28, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 25, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 25, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and the Workforce, 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.