

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 205

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual enrollment periods of the Medicare prescription drug benefit program and under the Medicare Advantage program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2007

Mr. SAXTON (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Prescription
5 Drug Enrollment Extension Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIODS**
2 **FOR THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG**
3 **BENEFIT PROGRAM AND MEDICARE ADVAN-**
4 **TAGE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1851(e)(3)(B) of the So-
6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–21(e)(3)(B)) is
7 amended—

8 (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (iii);
9 and

10 (2) by striking clause (iv) and inserting the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(iv) with respect to 2007, the period
13 beginning on November 15, 2006, and end-
14 ing on December 31, 2006; and

15 “(v) with respect to a succeeding year,
16 the period beginning on November 15 of
17 the year before such year and ending on
18 March 31 of such year.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING EFFECTIVENESS OF ELECTION.—
20 Section 1851(f)(3) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–
21 21(f)(3)) is amended by inserting after “the following
22 year” the following: “, except that in the case of an elec-
23 tion made under subsection (e)(3)(B)(v) on or after Janu-
24 ary 1 of a year, the election shall take effect on the first

- 1 day of the first month that begins at least 14 days after
- 2 the date of such election”.

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