

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 588

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2015

Mr. ROTHFUS (for himself and Mr. SCHRADER) 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

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## 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 Beneficiary  
5 Preservation of Choice Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF MEDICARE BENEFICIARY**  
2 **CHOICE UNDER MEDICARE ADVANTAGE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1851(e)(2) of the Social  
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–21(e)(2)) is amended by  
5 amending subparagraph (C), as amended by section  
6 3204(a) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
7 (Public Law 111–148), to read as follows:

8 “(C) CONTINUOUS OPEN ENROLLMENT  
9 AND DISENROLLMENT FOR FIRST 3 MONTHS IN  
10 SUBSEQUENT YEARS.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause  
12 (ii) and subparagraph (D), at any time  
13 during the first 3 months of a year, or, if  
14 the individual first becomes a Medicare  
15 Advantage eligible individual during a  
16 year, during the first 3 months of such  
17 year in which the individual is a Medicare  
18 Advantage eligible individual, a Medicare  
19 Advantage eligible individual may change  
20 the election under subsection (a)(1).

21 “(ii) LIMITATION OF ONE CHANGE  
22 DURING OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD EACH  
23 YEAR.—An individual may exercise the  
24 right under clause (i) only once during the  
25 applicable 3-month period described in  
26 such clause in each year. The limitation

1 under this clause shall not apply to  
2 changes in elections effected during an an-  
3 nual, coordinated election period under  
4 paragraph (3) or during a special enroll-  
5 ment period under paragraph (4).

6 “(iii) LIMITED APPLICATION TO PART  
7 D.—The previous provisions of this sub-  
8 paragraph shall only apply with respect to  
9 changes in enrollment in a prescription  
10 drug plan under part D in the case of an  
11 individual who, previous to such change in  
12 enrollment, is enrolled in a Medicare Ad-  
13 vantage plan.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1860D–  
15 1(b)(1)(B)(iii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
16 1395w–101(b)(1)(B)(iii)) is amended by striking “, (C),”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
18 this section shall apply with respect to 2016 and suc-  
19 ceeding years.

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