

## (January 12, 2007) Representative Lipinski Helps Seniors Win Victory in House

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Legislation Requires Medicare to Negotiate for Better Drug Prices

Representative Dan Lipinski joined more than 255 of his colleagues in the House today to pass a bill that would require the government to negotiate for lower drug prices for Americans enrolled in the Medicare Prescription Drug Program.

"All Americans are struggling with the ever-increasing costs of health care, but seniors have been especially hard hit," Lipinski said. "I have fought for this change in Medicare since I was first elected, so I'm very happy that we were able to pass this bill today that will help seniors get more affordable health care."

Congressman Lipinski is a cosponsor of H.R. 4, the Medicare Prescription Drug Negotiation Act of 2007, which passed 255-170. Some 231 Democrats were joined by 24 Republicans to pass the legislation, which now heads to the Senate.

"Medicare beneficiaries were done a disservice when the Medicare Prescription Drug bill passed with a provision that prohibited the Secretary of Health and Human Services from negotiating prices with drug manufacturers," stated Lipinski. "Today we fixed that."

"Negotiating for better prescription drug prices is a long overdue step toward making health care more affordable for Medicare beneficiaries," said Lipinski. "I am proud to have helped pass this bipartisan legislation and I look forward to continuing to work for better and more affordable health care for our seniors."

