

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5387

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an additional two-month period in 2006 for enrollments in the Medicare Advantage plans and for the Medicare prescription drug benefit without any late enrollment penalty for months before the end of such two-month period.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2006

Mr. WELLER 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 “One More Chance to
5 Sign Up Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AN-**
2 **NUAL, COORDINATED ELECTION PERIOD FOR**
3 **2006 WITHOUT LATE ENROLLMENT PENALTY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1851(e)(3) of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–21(e)(3)) is amended—

6 (1) by amending subparagraph (B)(iii) to read
7 as follows:

8 “(iii) with respect to 2006 and subject to
9 subparagraph (E), the period beginning on No-
10 vember 15, 2005, and ending on August 15,
11 2006, excluding May 16, 2006, through June
12 14, 2006; and”;

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
14 paragraph:

15 “(E) SPECIAL RULE.—If this subparagraph is
16 enacted after June 15, 2006—

17 “(i) the reference in subparagraph (B)(iii)
18 to ‘June 14, 2006’ shall be treated as a ref-
19 erence to a date (specified by the Secretary)
20 that is as soon as possible (but not later than
21 2 weeks) after the date of the enactment of this
22 subparagraph; and

23 “(ii) the reference in such subparagraph to
24 ‘August 15, 2006’ shall be treated as a ref-
25 erence to a date (specified by the Secretary)
26 that is at least 60 days after the date specified

1 under clause (i), except in no case later than
2 November 14, 2006.”.

3 (b) SPECIAL RULE BECAUSE OF DELAYED ENACT-
4 MENT.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall
5 not apply if this Act is enacted on or after September 1,
6 2006.

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