

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6357

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5, 2006

Mr. CROWLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. LIMITATION ON THE MONTHLY AMOUNT OF**  
2 **PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST-SHARING FOR**  
3 **FULL-BENEFIT DUAL ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS**  
4 **AND OTHER LOWEST-INCOME INDIVIDUALS**  
5 **UNDER THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG**  
6 **PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1860D–14(a) of the So-  
8 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–114(a)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)(D), by adding at the end  
10 the following new clause:

11 “(iv) MONTHLY LIMITATION ON CO-  
12 PAYMENTS.—In no case shall the total of  
13 the copayments under this subparagraph  
14 for an individual for covered part D drugs  
15 in a month exceed \$10.”; and

16 (2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the  
17 following new subparagraph:

18 “(C) LIMITATION ON COPAYMENT FOR  
19 LOWEST INCOME INDIVIDUALS.—The dollar  
20 amount applied under paragraph (1)(D)(iv)—

21 “(i) for the first year beginning after  
22 the date of the enactment of this subpara-  
23 graph shall be the dollar amount specified  
24 in such paragraph increased by the annual  
25 percentage increase in the consumer price

1 index (all items; U.S. city average) as of  
2 September of the previous year; or

3 “(ii) for a subsequent year shall be  
4 the dollar amount specified in this clause  
5 (or clause (i)) for the previous year in-  
6 creased by the annual percentage increase  
7 in the consumer price index (all items;  
8 U.S. city average) as of September of the  
9 previous year.

10 Any amount established under clause (i) or (ii)  
11 that is not a multiple of \$1 shall be rounded to  
12 the nearest multiple of \$1.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
14 subsection (a) shall apply to benefits for years beginning  
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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