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Medicare Patient Access to Preventive and Diagnostic Tests Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 20, 2001
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		Jun 25, 2001
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 27, 2001
Sen. Torricelli, Robert G. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 27, 2001
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 4, 2001
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 4, 2001
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 1, 2001
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jun 20, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 20, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 20, 2001)

Medicare Patient Access to Preventive and Diagnostic Tests Act - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to: (1) establish procedures for determining the basis for, and amount of, Medicare payment for any clinical diagnostic laboratory test with respect to which a new or substantially revised Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code is assigned on or after January 1, 2002; (2) set the national fee schedule amounts for tests performed; (3) establish a mechanism for review of the adequacy of payment amounts for a particular test; and (4) prohibit the Secretary from delegating the authority to make determinations with respect to clinical diagnostics laboratory tests to a regional office of the Health Care Financing Administration or to a certain contracted entity.

Prohibits the Secretary from establishing a payment level for a new test that is lower than the level for an existing, clinically similar test solely on the basis that the new test may be performed by a laboratory with a certificate of waiver under the Public Health Services Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 20, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 20, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6519)
- **Jun 20, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6519-6521)