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Medicare Physician Payment Fairness Act of 2001

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Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Nov 8, 2001)

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Sponsor

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Party: Independent • State: VT • Chamber: Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Breaux, John B. [D-LA]	D · LA		Nov 8, 2001
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Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 13, 2001
Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Nov 13, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 8, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 8, 2001)

Medicare Physician Payment Fairness Act of 2001 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to set the conversion factor (update) for payments under the Medicare physician fee schedule for 2002 at 0.9 percent less than the conversion factor for 2001.

Directs the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MEDPAC) to study and report to Congress on replacing the use of the sustainable growth rate as a factor in determining the update for such payments with a factor that more fully accounts for changes in the unit costs of providing physicians' services.

## Actions Timeline

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