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# S 1707

Medicare Physician Payment Fairness Act of 2001

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Party: Independent • State: VT • Chamber: Senate

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Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]	R · RI	Nov 28, 2001
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA	Nov 29, 2001
Sen. Carnahan, Jean [D-MO]	D · MO	Nov 29, 2001
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	$R \cdot NV$	Nov 29, 2001
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D·SD	Nov 29, 2001
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Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	$D \cdot AR$	Nov 30, 2001
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	$D\cdotMI$	Nov 30, 2001
Sen. Wellstone, Paul D. [D-MN]	$D \cdot MN$	Nov 30, 2001
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ	Dec 3, 2001
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Sen. Smith, Bob [R-NH]	$R \cdot NH$	Dec 3, 2001
Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH]	$R \cdot OH$	Dec 3, 2001
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	$R \cdot MO$	Dec 4, 2001
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D·IL	Dec 5, 2001
Sen. Fitzgerald, Peter [R-IL]	R·IL	Dec 5, 2001
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	$R \cdot UT$	Dec 5, 2001
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI	Dec 5, 2001
Sen. Thomas, Craig [R-WY]	$R \cdot WY$	Dec 5, 2001

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Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Dec 6, 2001
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Dec 7, 2001
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Dec 7, 2001
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Dec 7, 2001
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Dec 7, 2001
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R·IA		Dec 10, 2001
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Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	$R \cdot VA$		Dec 17, 2001
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Sen. Thompson, Fred [R-TN]	$R \cdot TN$		Dec 18, 2001
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Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 19, 2001
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Dec 20, 2001
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D·LA		Jan 24, 2002
Sen. Allard, Wayne [R-CO]	R · CO		Jan 25, 2002
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 29, 2002
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 4, 2002
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 13, 2002
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 13, 2002
Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 11, 2002
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 18, 2002
Sen. Campbell, Ben Nighthorse [R-CO]	R · CO		Mar 19, 2002
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R·ID		Mar 21, 2002
Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]	R·KY		Apr 8, 2002
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R·ID		Apr 9, 2002
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 14, 2002
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		May 20, 2002
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 11, 2002

#### **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 15, 2001

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

**Policy Area:** 

Health

#### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

**Summary** (as of Nov 15, 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. Declares that this conversion factor and a specified update adjustment factor for a year after 2002 shall be applied as if this Act had not been in effect.

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**

- Nov 15, 2001: Introduced in Senate
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