

S 2067

Medicare Safety Net Access Act of 2002

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 22, 2002
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 22, 2002
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 22, 2002
Sen. Torricelli, Robert G. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 22, 2002
Sen. Hollings, Ernest F. [D-SC]	D · SC		May 10, 2002
Sen. Cleland, Max [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 5, 2002
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 5, 2002
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 21, 2002
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jun 28, 2002
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 28, 2002
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 17, 2002
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Aug 1, 2002
Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]	R · RI		Oct 2, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 22, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 4000	Identical bill	<b>Mar 26, 2002:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.

## Summary (as of Mar 22, 2002)

Medicare Safety Net Access Act of 2002 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to revise the payment for certain Federally qualified health center (FQHC) services furnished to an individual enrolled with a Medicare+Choice organization under Medicare part C (Medicare+Choice), allowing for supplemental reimbursement, among other changes.

Amends Medicare+Choice to add additional Medicare+Choice contract requirements.

Amends SSA title XI with respect to criminal penalties for acts involving Federal health care programs, particularly illegal remunerations (kickbacks). Exempts from the prohibition against such remunerations any remuneration: (1) between a FQHC (or an entity controlled by such a health center) and a Medicare+Choice organization pursuant to a specified written agreement; and (2) between a certain kind of public or nonprofit private health center entity and any individual or entity providing goods, items, services, donations, loans, or a combination, to such health center entity pursuant to an agreement, if such agreement produces a community benefit that will be used by the health center entity to maintain or increase the availability or accessibility, or enhance the quality, of services provided to a medically underserved population served by the health center entity.

Amends Medicare to provide for coverage of additional FQHC services.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish standards relating to the exception for health center entity arrangements to specified anti-kickback penalties.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 22, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2326-2327)
- **Mar 22, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2327-2328)