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Promoting Care for the Frail Elderly Act of 2002

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Promoting Care for the Frail Elderly Act of 2002 - Amends part C (Medicare+Choice) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to revise the risk adjustment methodology applicable to payments to Medicare+Choice organizations offering, whether directly or under a contract, specialized programs for frail elderly or at-risk beneficiaries to take into account variations in costs incurred by such organizations.

Provides for interim continuation of the following until the revised risk adjustment methodology required above is implemented by the Secretary: (1) blended rate for specialized programs for frail elderly and at-risk Medicare beneficiaries residing in institutions; and (2) payment methodologies for Medicare demonstration programs for specialized programs for frail elderly or at-risk beneficiaries.

Directs the Secretary to establish a five-year demonstration program to develop and evaluate: (1) payment models that pay appropriately for specialized Medicare+Choice plans that exclusively serve, or serve a disproportionate number of, frail elderly or at-risk beneficiaries; and (2) clinical models that improve outcomes.

Requires the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MEDPAC) to study and report to Congress and the Secretary on the feasibility and advisability of establishing a frailty adjustment to the Medicare+Choice risk adjustment methodology that ensures that an appropriate level of payment is made to Medicare+Choice plans that serve a disproportionate number of frail or at-risk beneficiaries.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 19, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 19, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8927)
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