

## S 548

### Assure Access to Mammography Act of 2001

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2399)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2399) (Mar 15, 2001)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]

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

### Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 15, 2001
Sen. Murkowski, Frank H. [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 15, 2001
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 15, 2001
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 15, 2001
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 15, 2001
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 15, 2001
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 20, 2001
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Mar 20, 2001
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 21, 2001
Sen. Hollings, Ernest F. [D-SC]	D · SC		Mar 27, 2001
Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 5, 2001
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 7, 2001
Sen. Wellstone, Paul D. [D-MN]	D · MN		May 7, 2001
Sen. Torricelli, Robert G. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 14, 2001
Sen. Carnahan, Jean [D-MO]	D · MO		Jul 23, 2001
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Aug 3, 2001
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Dec 11, 2001
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 5, 2002
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	R · OH		Mar 20, 2002
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jun 19, 2002

### Committee Activity

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

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Mar 15, 2001)

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Assure Access to Mammography Act of 2001 - Amends the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 to delay until 2003 the inclusion of payment for screening mammography in the Medicare physician fee schedule.

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide for a change in the payment amount for screening mammography performed in 2002 under Medicare.

Provides that, for cost reporting periods between October 1, 2001, and October 1, 2006, in applying the limitations regarding the total number of full-time equivalent residents in the field of allopathic or osteopathic medicine under Medicare for a hospital, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall not take into account a maximum of three residents in the field of radiology to the extent the hospital increases the number of radiology residents above the number of such residents for the hospital's most recent cost reporting period ending before October 1, 2001.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to revise authorization of appropriations and allocation provisions with regard to interdisciplinary, community-based linkages, with changes establishing a specified authorization of appropriations for FY 2002 and a specified amount to be available for awards of grants and contracts under provisions on allied health and other disciplines.

Directs the Comptroller General to study the relative value units established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under the Medicare physician fee schedule for physicians' services that are gender-specific.

Directs the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to study the relative value units established by the Secretary under the such fee schedule for screening services that are reimbursed under it.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 15, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 15, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2398-2399)
- **Mar 15, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2399)