

HR 5729

Medicare Reimbursement Equity and Benefits Improvement Act of 2002

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 22, 2002
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 14, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Medicare Reimbursement Equity and Benefits Improvement Act of 2002 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) with respect to rural health care and: (1) enhanced disproportionate share hospital (DSH) treatment for rural hospitals and urban hospitals; (2) phased-in increase in the standardized amount in rural and small urban areas; (3) update in weights used in hospital market basket; (4) the critical access hospital program; and (5) a temporary increase for home health services.

Amends SSA title XVIII provisions relating to: (1) part A (Hospital Insurance) and inpatient hospital services, covered skilled nursing facility services payments, and coverage of hospice services; and (2) part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) and physicians' services. Revises requirements or provides for: (1) payment of ambulance services; (2) an extended moratorium on therapy caps; (3) renal dialysis; (4) coverage of an initial preventive physical examination; (5) modified payment for certain mammography services; (6) waiver of the part B late enrollment penalty for certain military retirees; and (7) part B coverage of cholesterol and other blood lipid screening tests.

Amends SSA title XVIII provisions relating to parts A and B and home health services and direct graduate medical education.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish and appoint an OASIS Task Force to examine the data collection and reporting requirements under the Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS).

Requires the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MEDPAC) to study and report to Congress on payment margins of home health agencies under the home health prospective payment system.

Directs the Secretary to conduct demonstration projects for: (1) the application of disease management to certain Medicare beneficiaries with diagnosed diabetes; and (2) medical adult day care services.

Amends Medicare part C (Medicare+Choice) with respect to: (1) equalizing payments between fee-for-service and Medicare+Choice; (2) including Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs military facility service costs to Medicare-eligible beneficiaries in calculation of Medicare+Choice payment rates; and (3) providing specialized Medicare+Choice plans for special needs beneficiaries.

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## **Actions Timeline**

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