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Bipartisan Patient Protection Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]

Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Edwards, John [D-NC]	D · NC		May 14, 2001
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 14, 2001

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 1052	Related bill	Nov 19, 2002: Held at the desk.
107 HR 526	Related bill	Jun 28, 2001: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3797-3800)

Summary (as of May 14, 2001)

Bipartisan Patient Protection Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code with respect to health care coverage.

Requires group health plans, and health insurance issuers providing health insurance coverage, to conduct utilization review activities in connection with the provision of benefits under such plans or coverage only in accordance with an approved utilization review program.

Requires health plans and insurers to offer consumers: (1) more care options; and (2) greater access to patient information.

Restricts interference by health plans and insurers with the doctor-patient relationship.

Prohibits health plans and insurers from discriminating against a licensed health care professional with respect to participation or indemnification.

Requires health plans and insurers to comply with patient protection requirements of this Act.

States that nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter or amend the social Security Act.

Amends the Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1985 to extend authority for customs user fees through September 30, 2011.

Requires that any payment under part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act that would otherwise be disbursed on September 30, 2002, by a carrier with a contract to a provider of services for which payment may be made under part B shall be made on October 1, 2002.

Actions Timeline

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