

## S 885

### Area Wage and Base Payment Improvement Act

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 15, 2001

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4947)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4947) (May 15, 2001)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/senate-bill/885>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Hutchinson, Tim [R-AR]

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

Cosponsors (30 total)

| Cosponsor                           | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Cleland, Max [D-GA]            | D · GA        |      | May 15, 2001 |
| Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]            | D · GA        |      | May 15, 2001 |
| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]       | R · ME        |      | May 17, 2001 |
| Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]          | R · PA        |      | May 25, 2001 |
| Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]           | R · MS        |      | Jun 7, 2001  |
| Sen. Wellstone, Paul D. [D-MN]      | D · MN        |      | Jun 12, 2001 |
| Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY] | D · NY        |      | Jul 17, 2001 |
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]     | D · NY        |      | Jul 17, 2001 |
| Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]          | R · PA        |      | Jul 25, 2001 |
| Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]          | R · KS        |      | Sep 5, 2001  |
| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]         | D · WA        |      | Sep 5, 2001  |
| Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]     | D · AR        |      | Sep 10, 2001 |
| Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]        | R · OK        |      | Sep 19, 2001 |
| Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]            | R · KY        |      | Oct 17, 2001 |
| Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]       | D · LA        |      | Mar 7, 2002  |
| Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]            | D · MN        |      | Apr 9, 2002  |
| Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]        | D · ND        |      | Apr 9, 2002  |
| Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]            | D · SD        |      | Apr 9, 2002  |
| Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]       | R · ME        |      | Apr 9, 2002  |
| Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]        | R · MT        |      | Apr 10, 2002 |
| Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]            | R · VA        |      | Apr 11, 2002 |
| Sen. Helms, Jesse [R-NC]            | R · NC        |      | Apr 16, 2002 |
| Sen. Edwards, John [D-NC]           | D · NC        |      | Apr 22, 2002 |
| Sen. Hollings, Ernest F. [D-SC]     | D · SC        |      | May 8, 2002  |
| Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]           | R · VA        |      | May 10, 2002 |
| Sen. Bennett, Robert F. [R-UT]      | R · UT        |      | May 14, 2002 |
| Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]         | R · UT        |      | Jun 28, 2002 |
| Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]      | I · VT        |      | Sep 3, 2002  |
| Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]        | D · HI        |      | Sep 25, 2002 |
| Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]       | D · HI        |      | Oct 2, 2002  |

Committee Activity

| Committee         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Finance Committee | Senate  | Referred To | May 15, 2001 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of May 15, 2001)

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Area Wage and Base Payment Improvement Act - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to: (1) mandate a single national average standardized payment amount for inpatient hospital services furnished, regardless of whether in an urban or non-urban area, under the Medicare prospective payment system (PPS) for discharges occurring in FY 2002 and thereafter; and (2) establish a minimum factor of .925 as a floor for area wage adjustment factors used under the PPS for inpatient and outpatient hospital services.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 15, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 15, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4946-4947)
- **May 15, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4947)