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Medicare Physician Payment Equity Act of 2003

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 22, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		May 22, 2003
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		May 22, 2003
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		May 22, 2003
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		May 22, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 23, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 22, 2003)

Medicare Physician Payment Equity Act of 2003 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide for: (1) establishment of a uniform national Medicare physician fee schedule; and (2) phase-out of geographic adjustment indices.

Directs the Comptroller General to study and report to Congress on: (1) the recruitment and retention of physicians; (2) the access of Medicare beneficiaries to physicians, medical tests, and medical therapies in each fee schedule area; and (3) the use by Medicare beneficiaries of items and services for which payment may be made under the Medicare program in each such fee schedule area.

Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 22, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7040-7041)
- **May 22, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.