

S 1206

Beneficiary Access to Care Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jun 9, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]

Party: Republican • State: MO • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 16, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 9, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 9, 2003)

Beneficiary Access to Care Act of 2003 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act with respect to the prospective payment system for hospital outpatient department services (OPD) to: (1) require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to treat as a separate group of covered OPD services any drug or biological that was treated as such a group as of December 31, 2002, and any drug or biological that has ceased to be eligible for transitional, pass-through payments by reason of the limited period of payment specified; and (2) add special rules for 2004 for the calculation of Medicare OPD fee schedule amounts, among other payment-related changes.

Directs the Comptroller General to study and report to Congress on pharmacy services used to provide cancer drug therapies in hospital outpatient setting.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 9, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 9, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7543-7544)
- **Jun 9, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.