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Medicare Cost Contract Extension and Refinement Act of 2003

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 10, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 10, 2003)

Medicare Cost Contract Extension and Refinement Act of 2003 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to: (1) extend reasonable cost contracts under the Medicare program and the period during which cost contracts may expand service areas; (2) apply certain Medicare+Choice requirements under Medicare part C (Medicare+Choice) to cost contracts to allow beneficiaries to be informed about the option of cost contracts, apply quality assurance requirements, prevent plans from discriminating against certain patients by offering lower premiums, and prohibit States from taxing cost contract premiums; and (3) permit dedicated group practice health maintenance organizations to participate in the Medicare cost contract program.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 10, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 10, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7626)
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