

S 1278

Conquering Pain Act of 2003

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Policy Area: Health

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 18, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2507	Identical bill	Jun 24, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Jun 18, 2003)

Conquering Pain Act of 2003 - Requires development and maintenance of an Internet website on evidence-based practice guidelines for pain treatment.

Requires the Medicare and Medicaid programs, programs through the Public Health Service Act, programs through the Indian Health Service, the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS), and other programs administered by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to inform individuals concerning such programs' pain management benefits.

Directs the Secretary to provide funds for special education projects to improve pain and symptom management.

Amends Medicare provisions relating to the Medicare+Choice program to provide for dissemination of pain and symptom management information.

Mandates a report by the Surgeon General on the state of pain and symptom management in the United States.

Mandates grants to health care provider training entities to establish six National Family Support Networks in Pain and Symptom Management.

Requires the existing Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPac) to report on specified financial, policy, and reimbursement barriers in providing pain and symptom management and palliative care.

Establishes the Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management.

Mandates an Institute of Medicine report on controlled substance regulation and the use of pain medications.

Mandates grants for demonstration projects on: (1) effective methods to measure improvement in the skills and knowledge of health care personnel in pain and symptom management; and (2) end of life care.

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