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Quality Cancer Care Preservation Act

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Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2003
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Sen. Fitzgerald, Peter [R-IL]	R · IL		Jul 31, 2003
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 20, 2003

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 1622	Identical bill	Apr 10, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Quality Cancer Care Preservation Act - Amends part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to revise the payment amount for covered drugs and biologicals furnished during a calendar quarter that are not paid on a cost or prospective payment basis. Changes such amount from 95 percent of the average wholesale price to 120 percent of the average sales price of the drug or biological for the second preceding calendar quarter. Requires drug manufacturers to report average sales prices each calendar quarter for covered drugs and biologicals.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to: (1) revise the practice expense relative value units for drug administration services (including chemotherapy administration services) in accordance with this Act to determine the units to be used in determining the fee schedule amounts paid for drug administration services under the Medicare program; (2) recognize and make payments under Medicare for chemotherapy support services furnished incident to physicians' services; (3) recognize and establish a payment amount for the service of cancer therapy management to account for the greater pre-service and post-service work associated with visits and consultations conducted by physicians treating cancer patients compared to typical visits and consultations; and (4) develop a revised methodology for determining the payment amounts for services that are paid under the Medicare fee schedule and that do not have physician work relative value units, including radiation oncology services.

Amends SSA title XVIII to provide that if the Secretary requires direct supervision of a service by a physician, that supervision requirement may be fulfilled by one or more physicians other than the physician who ordered the service.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 20, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 20, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.
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