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Prevent Prematurity and Improve Child Health Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]

Party: Democratic • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (7 total)

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Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 15, 2003
Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	R · IN		Oct 15, 2003
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Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 13, 2003
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 5, 2004
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		May 12, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 15, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3293	Identical bill	Oct 27, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Prevent Prematurity and Improve Child Health Act of 2003 - Amends titles XIX (Medicaid) and XXI (State Children's Health Insurance Program) (SCHIP) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to give States new options to cover: (1) low-income pregnant women; and (2) low-income legal immigrant pregnant women and children under Medicaid and SCHIP.

Extends coverage under Medicaid of prescription drugs and counseling services to tobacco cessation medications to help pregnant women enrolled in the program quit using tobacco. Requires coverage of tobacco cessation counseling services for pregnant women, and exempts such services from cost-sharing charges. Covers tobacco cessation medications and counseling for pregnant women, also, under the Maternal and Child Health Services program under SSA title V.

Gives States the option under Medicaid to: (1) provide family planning services and supplies to individuals with incomes that do not exceed a State's income eligibility level for medical assistance; and (2) extend the postpartum period for provision of family planning services and supplies.

Gives States the option to provide wrap-around SCHIP coverage to children who have other health coverage.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 15, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 15, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12612)
- **Oct 15, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S12612-12615)

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