

S 1779

Medicare Indian Health Fairness Act of 2003

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

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Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 23, 2003
Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]	D · SD		Oct 23, 2003
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Oct 23, 2003
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 23, 2003
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Oct 23, 2003
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 23, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Medicare Indian Health Fairness Act of 2003 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to: (1) authorize reimbursement for all Medicare part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) services furnished by certain Indian health facilities; (2) require Medicare providers to charge no more than Medicare rates for inpatient hospital services provided to Indians who are eligible for contract health services from the Indian Health Service, tribally operated health programs, or urban Indian organizations; and (3) authorize outpatient or ambulatory care clinics (whether free-standing or provider-based) operated by the Indian Health Service, an Indian tribe, a tribal organization, or an urban Indian organization to elect to be reimbursed on the same basis as if such clinic were a hospital outpatient department of the Indian Health Service.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 23, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 23, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S13138-13139)
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