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Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Transplant Patients Act of 2003

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: IL • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	R · OH		Jan 16, 2003
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 18, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 16, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2223	Identical bill	Jun 20, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.

Summary (as of Jan 16, 2003)

Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Transplant Patients Act of 2003 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA), as amended by the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000, to remove time limitations on the coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for individuals who have received organ transplants. (Current law provides coverage for such drugs only for certain time periods after the transplant procedure.)

Amends SSA title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) to: (1) continue entitlement to prescription drugs used in immunosuppressive therapy furnished to an individual who receives a kidney or other organ transplant for which payment is made under Medicare; and (2) extend Medicare secondary payer requirements for end stage renal disease beneficiaries.

Amends the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and the Internal Revenue Code to set forth requirements for group health plans to provide coverage of immunosuppressive drugs.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 16, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 16, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1071)
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