

# HR 1860

Medicare Wellness Act of 2003

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 9, 2003)

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## Sponsor

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 9, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 29, 2003

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Apr 29, 2003)

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Medicare Wellness Act of 2003 - Establishes within the Department of Health and Human Services a Working Group on Disease Self-Management and Health Promotion (Working Group) to establish policies and criteria for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to approved applicants to study specified approaches to further health promotion and disease prevention among beneficiaries under title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA). Directs the Secretary to conduct demonstration projects to promote disease self-management for conditions identified by the Working Group for target individuals.

Amends SSA title XVIII to outline Medicare coverage of various specified preventive services, including: (1) therapy and counseling for cessation of tobacco use, and counseling for post-menopausal women; (2) screening for diminished visual acuity, and screening for depression; and (3) medical nutrition therapy services for beneficiaries with cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, or a renal disease.

Provides for: (1) expansion of eligibility for bone mass measurement; and (2) inclusion of the office visit associated with the screening colonoscopy in the screening colonoscopy benefit.

Directs the Secretary to integrate supplemental preventive health services with existing program integrity measures.

Permits waiver of coinsurance and deductibles for certain preventive services, such as: (1) diabetes outpatient self-management training services; (2) colorectal and prostate cancer screening tests; and (3) bone mass measurement.

Provides for coverage of initial preventive physical examination.

Directs the Secretary to take specified informational actions to promote the use by Medicare beneficiaries of preventive health benefits.

Directs the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct a national falls prevention and awareness campaign among Medicare beneficiaries.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 9, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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