

HR 2033

Medicare Equity and Access Act

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Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 20, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 20, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 14, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 8, 2003)

Medicare Equity and Access Act - Amends part C (Medicare+Choice) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide for: (1) a two-year increase in the minimum percentage increase used in the calculation of annual Medicare+Choice capitation rates; (2) inclusion in the calculation of Medicare+Choice payment rates of the costs of Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs military facility services to Medicare-eligible beneficiaries; and (3) preemption of duplicative State regulation.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to: (1) establish a program to provide financial incentive awards to Medicare+Choice organizations offering plans that demonstrate the provision of superior quality health care to enrollees; (2) only award a National Performance Quality Award to Medicare+Choice organizations for plans that demonstrate superior quality in health care; (3) only award a State Performance Quality Award to Medicare+Choice organizations for plans that demonstrate the highest quality in health care furnished in the State; and (4) enter into an arrangement for the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences to study clinical outcomes, performance, and quality of care under the Medicare+Choice program.

Actions Timeline

- **May 20, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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