

## HR 26

### Medicare Payment Restoration and Benefits Improvement Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 7, 2003

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.  
(Feb 3, 2003)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD-3]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 22, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Medicare Payment Restoration and Benefits Improvement Act of 2003 - Revises requirements with regard to title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA): (1) part A concerning rural health care, inpatient hospital services, skilled nursing facility services, and hospices; (2) part B concerning physicians' and other services; and (3) part A and B concerning home health services, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MEDPAC), and other specified matters.

Amends part C (Medicare+Choice) (M+C) of SSA title XVIII to: (1) provide for equalizing payments between fee-for-service and Medicare+Choice; and (2) specialized Medicare+Choice plans for special needs beneficiaries.

Amends: (1) the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 to provide for extension of the social health maintenance organization demonstration project; and (2) the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 to provide for extension of municipal health service demonstration projects.

Amends SSA title XVIII part E (Miscellaneous) (previously part D) to include a number of regulatory reduction, contracting, and administrative changes.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 3, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Jan 22, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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