

## S 2983

Medicare Hospice Demonstration Act of 2004

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Nov 16, 2004

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Nov 16, 2004)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 16, 2004

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Nov 16, 2004)

Medicare Hospice Demonstration Act of 2004 - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish Hospice Demonstration Projects to increase the utility of Medicare (title XVIII of the Social Security Act (SSA)) hospice services for seriously ill Medicare beneficiaries. Includes a supportive and comfort care benefit within such program. Requires the Secretary to conduct demonstration projects in between three and six sites. Sets forth the criteria for selecting such sites, including geographic diversity and accessibility. Requires special rules for adjusting payment to any Medicare+Choice (SSA title XVIII part C) organization offering a Medicare+Choice plan to reflect an enrolled member's participation in such a project.

Directs the Secretary to establish a Hospice Education Grant program under which the Secretary awards education grants to entities participating in the demonstration projects for the purpose of providing information about the Medicare hospice benefit and the benefits available to Medicare beneficiaries under the demonstration projects.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 16, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 16, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11381)
- **Nov 16, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.