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Medicare Equity Act of 2003

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jan 7, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]

Party: Democratic • State: WI • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jan 7, 2003
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Jan 7, 2003
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 15, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 7, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 7, 2003)

Medicare Equity Act of 2003 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to eliminate the geographic physician work adjustment factor from the geographic indices used to adjust payments under the physician fee schedule.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a demonstration project that provides for demonstration grants designed to provide financial or other incentives to hospitals to attract educators and clinical practitioners so that hospitals that serve beneficiaries under the Medicare program who are residents of underserved areas may host clinical rotations.

Amends SSA title XVIII to provide for the use of skilled nursing facility wage data under the prospective payment system for skilled nursing facility services.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 7, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 7, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S43)
- **Jan 7, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.