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Medicare Patient Access to Physical Therapists Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 27, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]

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

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		Feb 27, 2003
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Feb 27, 2003
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Feb 27, 2003
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 8, 2003
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		May 5, 2003
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		May 6, 2003
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 20, 2003
Sen. Hollings, Ernest F. [D-SC]	D · SC		Jun 9, 2003
Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]	D · SD		Jun 11, 2003
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jun 17, 2003
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 23, 2003
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Sep 15, 2003
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 28, 2004
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Apr 28, 2004
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 28, 2004
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Apr 28, 2004
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Sep 20, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 27, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 792	Identical bill	Feb 26, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Feb 27, 2003)

Medicare Patient Access to Physical Therapists Act of 2003 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to authorize qualified physical therapists to provide services for Medicare beneficiaries without the requirement of a physician referral.

Provides for treatment of outpatient speech-language pathology services separately from outpatient physical therapy services.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 27, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 27, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2977-2978)
- **Feb 27, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.