

## S 1405

Preserving Patient Access to Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospitals Act of 2005

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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(Jul 14, 2005)

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]

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

## Cosponsors (27 total)

| Cosponsor                            | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]          | D · NJ        |      | Jul 14, 2005 |
| Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]           | R · PA        |      | Jul 14, 2005 |
| Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]           | D · NM        |      | Jul 25, 2005 |
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| Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]  | D · NY        |      | Sep 6, 2005  |
| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]        | R · ME        |      | Sep 6, 2005  |
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| Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]             | D · MN        |      | Sep 14, 2005 |
| Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]        | R · ME        |      | Sep 14, 2005 |
| Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]             | R · VA        |      | Sep 14, 2005 |
| Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]        | D · HI        |      | Sep 20, 2005 |
| Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]         | D · HI        |      | Sep 28, 2005 |
| Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]       | I · VT        |      | Sep 28, 2005 |
| Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]      | D · AR        |      | Sep 28, 2005 |
| Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]         | R · MT        |      | Oct 19, 2005 |
| Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]           | D · MA        |      | Oct 19, 2005 |
| Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV] | D · WV        |      | Oct 19, 2005 |
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]      | D · NY        |      | Oct 19, 2005 |
| Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]          | R · RI        |      | Oct 20, 2005 |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]            | D · WA        |      | Dec 21, 2005 |
| Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]          | R · GA        |      | Apr 4, 2006  |
| Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]         | D · NJ        |      | Apr 4, 2006  |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]               | D · RI        |      | Dec 7, 2006  |

## Committee Activity

| Committee         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Finance Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jul 14, 2005 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action                                                  |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 109 HR 3373 | Related bill | <b>Jul 27, 2005:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

Preserving Patient Access to Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospitals Act of 2005 - Prohibits the Secretary of Health and Human Services, during the period between July 1, 2005, and the date two years after the enactment of this Act, from: (1) requiring a compliance rate, pursuant to the criterion (commonly known as the "75 percent rule") used to determine whether a hospital or hospital unit is an inpatient rehabilitation facility, that is greater than the 50 percent compliance threshold that became effective on July 1, 2004; (2) changing the designation of any inpatient rehabilitation facility in compliance with the 50 percent threshold; or (3) conducting medical necessity review of inpatient rehabilitation facilities using any guidelines other than the national criteria established in the Medicare Benefits Policy Manual.

Directs the Secretary to establish procedures for: (1) making any necessary retroactive adjustment to restore the status of a facility as an inpatient rehabilitation facility as a result of this Act; (2) making any necessary payments to inpatient rehabilitation facilities based on such adjustment for discharges occurring on or after July 1, 2005, and before enactment of this Act; and (3) developing and implementing an appeals process that provides for expedited review of any adjustment to the status of a facility as an inpatient rehabilitation facility made during such period

Directs the Secretary to establish the National Advisory Council on Medical Rehabilitation to provide advice and recommendations to: (1) Congress and the Secretary concerning the coverage of rehabilitation services under title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act; and (2) appropriate federal agencies on how best to utilize available research funds and authorities focused on medical rehabilitation research.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 14, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 14, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8318-8319)
- **Jul 14, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8319-8320)

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