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S 1593

Medicare Payment Adjustment To Community Health Centers (PATCH) Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Health
Introduced: Jul 29, 2005

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jul 29, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]

Party: Republican • State: ME • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	$D \cdot NM$		Jul 29, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 29, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 1819	Identical bill	May 13, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by

the Chairman.

Summary (as of Jul 29, 2005)

Medicare Payment Adjustment To Community Health Centers (PATCH) Act of 2005 - Amends part E (Miscellaneous) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to revise the definition of federally qualified health center (FQHC) services to include certain services furnished by an FQHC for which payment may otherwise be made under Medicare if they were furnished by a health care provider or health care professional other than an FQHC.

Repeals the limitation of such services to outpatients of an FQHC, extending them to all patients of an FQHC. Repeals the declaration that any reference to a rural health clinic is deemed a reference to an FQHC.

Ensures FQHC reimbursement for patients of hospitals and critical access hospitals under the hospital prospective payment system.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 29, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Jul 29, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9514-9515)
- Jul 29, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.