

## S 3606

Save Our Safety Net Act of 2005

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 29, 2006

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6792-6793)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6792-6793)  
(Jun 29, 2006)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/3606>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jul 12, 2006

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 29, 2006

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jun 29, 2006)

Save Our Safety Net Act of 2005 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require payment to a physician of an additional 10% for emergency department visits.

Prescribes special rules for calculating the Medicare hospital outpatient department (OPD) fee schedule amounts for clinic and emergency department visits.

Extends from temporary to permanent the current adjustment to payments (hold harmless provisions) for certain small rural and sole community hospitals under the OPD prospective payment system (PPS).

Eliminates the cap on the Medicare disproportionate share hospital (DSH) adjustment for payments to rural hospitals.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 29, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 29, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6791-6792)
- **Jun 29, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6792-6793)