

## HR 5866

Medicare Physician Payment Reform and Quality Improvement Act of 2006

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

**Cosponsors** (44 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-7]	R · LA		Jul 24, 2006
Rep. Norwood, Charles W. [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Jul 24, 2006
Rep. Weldon, Dave [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Jul 24, 2006
Rep. Gingrey, Phil [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Jul 25, 2006
Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Jul 27, 2006
Rep. Kuhl, John R. "Randy", Jr. [R-NY-29]	R · NY		Jul 27, 2006
Rep. Davis, Jo Ann [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jul 28, 2006
Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Sep 6, 2006
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Sep 7, 2006
Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Sep 7, 2006
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Sep 7, 2006
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Sep 7, 2006
Rep. Hefley, Joel [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Sep 7, 2006
Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Sep 7, 2006
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Sep 7, 2006
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Sep 7, 2006
Rep. Weldon, Curt [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Sep 7, 2006
Rep. Kelly, Sue W. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Sep 12, 2006
Rep. Bonner, Jo [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Sep 14, 2006
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Sep 14, 2006
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Sep 14, 2006
Rep. Gilchrest, Wayne T. [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Sep 14, 2006
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Sep 14, 2006
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Sep 14, 2006
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Sep 14, 2006
Rep. Murtha, John P. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Sep 14, 2006
Rep. Musgrave, Marilyn N. [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Sep 14, 2006
Rep. Rogers, Mike J. [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Sep 14, 2006
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-46]	R · CA		Sep 14, 2006
Rep. Sullivan, John [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Sep 14, 2006
Rep. Porter, Jon C. [R-NV-3]	R · NV		Sep 19, 2006
Rep. Goode, Virgil H., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Sep 21, 2006
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Sep 21, 2006
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Sep 26, 2006
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Sep 26, 2006
Rep. Tiahrt, Todd [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Sep 26, 2006
Rep. Boren, Dan [D-OK-2]	D · OK		Sep 28, 2006
Rep. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Sep 28, 2006
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Sep 28, 2006
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Sep 28, 2006
Rep. Sweeney, John E. [R-NY-20]	R · NY		Sep 28, 2006

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Sekula Gibbs, Shelley [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Nov 15, 2006
Rep. Cubin, Barbara [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Dec 6, 2006

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 1, 2006
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 24, 2006

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Medicare Physician Payment Reform and Quality Improvement Act of 2006 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to revise physician payment requirements under the Medicare program, including the physician payment update and quality measures for physicians' services.

Terminates application of the sustainable growth rate (SGR), replacing it with a single conversion factor, the Medicare economic index (MEI) minus 1%.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for the selection of quality performance measures (Q-measures) for assessing physician, non-physician practitioner, and supplier services and determining ratings for them. Requires such Q-measures to be developed in conjunction with physician specialty organizations and consensus-building organizations.

Eliminates specified limitations on the balance billing of highest income beneficiaries.

Revises requirements for the quality improvement program (QIO), including program administration, data disclosure, use of evaluation and competition, quality improvement funding, and qualifications for QIOs under part B (Peer Review) of SSA title XI.

Amends SSA title XIX (Medicaid) to permit alternative quality improvement programs under such program.

Terminates the availability of funds from the MA Regional Plan Stabilization Fund.

Directs the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund to monitor and examine the extent to which the different Medicare funding mechanisms provide an appropriate alignment with the program goals of the respective parts.

Provides for a one-year delay in Medicare adjustments in payments for imaging services.

Eliminates the three-year phase-in for implementation of the reduction in Medicare part B premium subsidies for higher income beneficiaries (thus requiring immediate application of the reduction adjustment).

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 13, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H6526-6532)
- **Sep 6, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H6275-6276)
- **Aug 1, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 28, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H6022-6023)
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