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Equity for Clinical Social Workers Act of 2005

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 24, 2005

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jan 24, 2005)

Equity for Clinical Social Workers Act of 2005 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of covered clinical social worker services according to a new reimbursement methodology similar to the one currently used for other health care professionals. Provides for coverage and reimbursement under the new methodology for supplies furnished incident to such services. Excludes the services of clinical social workers from the definition of "inpatient hospital services" for Medicare purposes.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jan 24, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 24, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S242)
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