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Medicare Patient Access to Physical Therapists Act of 2005

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 17, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 17, 2005)

Medicare Patient Access to Physical Therapists Act of 2005 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to authorize qualified physical therapists to provide services for Medicare beneficiaries without the requirement of a physician referral.

Provides for treatment of outpatient speech-language pathology services separately from outpatient physical therapy services.

Actions Timeline

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