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Conquering Pain Act of 2005

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

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Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 11, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Conquering Pain Act of 2005 - Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), to develop an Internet website on evidence-based practice guidelines for pain treatment.

Requires the administrators of Federal health programs to inform individuals that they should expect effective pain and system relief under such programs.

Directs the Secretary to provide funds for special education projects to improve pain and symptom management.

Amends Title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require that Medicare+Choice programs' coverage of pain and symptom management and performance evaluation of such management be disseminated to Medicare beneficiaries.

Requires the Surgeon General to report on the state of pain and symptom management in the United States.

Requires the Secretary, acting through the Public Health Service, to award grants to establish National Family Support Networks in Pain and Symptom Management.

Requires the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPac) to report on financial, policy, and reimbursement barriers to providing pain and symptom management and palliative care.

Requires the General Accounting Office (GAO) to survey health insurance providers to determine whether reimbursement policies inhibit access to pain and symptom management.

Directs the Secretary: (1) to establish the Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management; (2) acting through the Institute of Medicine, to report on the effects of controlled substance regulation and other barriers to patient access to effective care; (3) acting through the National Institutes of Health (NIH), to convene a national conference to discuss the translation of pain research into the delivery of health services; and (4) acting through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to provide for demonstration projects on pain and symptom management training.

Actions Timeline

- **May 11, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 11, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4940-4941)
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