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# S 1577

Patient Safety and Abuse Prevention Act

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Health Introduced: Jun 7, 2007

Current Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1035.

Latest Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1035. (Sep 22, 2008)

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# **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 22, 2008

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

#### **Policy Area:**

Health

#### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 3078	Identical bill	Aug 10, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

#### **Summary** (as of Sep 22, 2008)

Patient Safety and Abuse Prevention Act - (Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a program to identify efficient, effective, and economical procedures for long-term care (LTC) facilities or providers to conduct background checks on prospective direct patient access employees on a nationwide basis.

(Sec. 4) Amends title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act to provide for mandatory state use of the National Correct Coding Initiative administered by the Secretary to promote correct coding and to control improper coding leading to inappropriate payment.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) identify those methodologies of the National Correct Coding Initiative compatible to Medicaid claims; (2) identify those methodologies that should be incorporated into Medicaid claims with respect to items or services for which no national correct coding methodologies have been established under such Initiative; and (3) notify states of such methodologies and how they are to incorporate them into Medicaid claims.

(Sec. 5) Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, to extend through FY2017 and increase funding for the Medicare Improvement Fund.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Sep 22, 2008: Committee on Finance. Reported by Senator Baucus with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 110-474.
- Sep 22, 2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1035.
- Sep 10, 2008: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Jun 7, 2007: Introduced in Senate
- Jun 7, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7353-7354)
- Jun 7, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7354-7358)