

S 2101

Medicare Savings Program Improvement Act of 2007

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 26, 2007
Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 26, 2007
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 26, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 26, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 3127	Identical bill	<b>Jul 30, 2007:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Medicare Savings Program Improvement Act of 2007 - Amends title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act (SSA) with respect to the Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) and Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB) programs (Medicare Savings Program) to increase the income eligibility levels for: (1) QMBs to 135% of the federal poverty level (FPL); and (2) SLMBs to 150% of the FPL. Eliminates the application of estate recovery for Medicare Savings Program beneficiaries. Modifies the asset tests for QMBs and SLMBs.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for expedited enrollment under the Medicare Savings Program through Social Security offices.

Provides for treatment of QMBs, SLMBs, and other dual eligibles as Medicare beneficiaries.

Amends SSA title XIX with respect to Medicaid treatment of certain Medicare providers.

Directs the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services to examine and report on whether providers have attempted to make QMBs liable for deductibles, coinsurance, and co-payments in violation of applicable law. Requires the Secretary to report an enforcement plan of action to Congress regarding any QMBs that have been held so liable in violation of law.

Requires states to provide medical assistance to dual eligibles in MedicareAdvantage (MA) plans.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Sep 26, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12148-12149)
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