

S 2790

Comprehensive Cancer Care Improvement Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Mar 31, 2008

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2234-2236)

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2234-2236)  
(Mar 31, 2008)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/2790>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]

Party: Democratic • State: LA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 7, 2008
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 12, 2008
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		May 15, 2008
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 19, 2008
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 24, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 31, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 1078	Related bill	Mar 7, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Comprehensive Cancer Care Improvement Act of 2008 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of comprehensive cancer care planning services to provide individuals diagnosed with cancer a plan that details all aspects of the care to be provided. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish standards for such services.

Directs the Secretary to conduct a two-year demonstration project under which Medicare payments will be made for comprehensive cancer care symptom management services furnished by an eligible entity in accordance with a described plan.

Directs the Secretary to make grants to eligible entities to: (1) establish new, or expand existing, palliative care and symptom management programs for cancer patients; (2) improve the quality of graduate and postgraduate training of physicians, nurses, and other health care providers in palliative care and symptom management for such patients; and (3) improve the quality of continuing professional education provided to qualified individuals regarding palliative care and symptom management for cancer patients.

Requires the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to establish a program of grants for research on palliative care, symptom management, communication skills, and other end-of-life topics for such patients.

### **Actions Timeline**

---

- **Mar 31, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 31, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2234)
- **Mar 31, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2234-2236)