

## S 3318

Medicare Physician Payment Equity Act of 2008

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jul 23, 2008

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7157-7158)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7157-7158)  
(Jul 23, 2008)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/3318>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 23, 2008

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jul 23, 2008)

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Medicare Physician Payment Equity Act of 2008 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to recognize equality of physician work in all geographic areas under the Medicare physician fee schedule. Makes the geographic index 1.0 in all fee schedule areas for physician services furnished on or after January 2010.

Requires the Secretary, after calculating the practice expense geographic index, for purposes of payment for services furnished in 2009, to increase the practice expense geographic index to 1.0 for any locality for which such practice expense geographic index is less than 1.0.

Requires the practice expense geographic index, for services furnished on or after January 1, 2010, to reflect half the difference between the relative costs of employee wages and office rents in each of the different fee schedule areas and the national average of such wages and rents.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 23, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 23, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7156-7157)
- **Jul 23, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7157-7158)

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