

HR 5953

MediFair Act of 2008

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 7, 2008)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]

Party: Democratic • State: WA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		May 1, 2008
Rep. Dicks, Norman D. [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 1, 2008
Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	D · WA		May 1, 2008
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		May 1, 2008
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		May 1, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 5, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 7, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2962	Related bill	May 1, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MediFair Act of 2008 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a system for making adjustments to the amount of payment made to entities and individuals for items and services provided under the original Medicare fee-for-service program under parts A (Hospital Insurance) and B (Supplementary Medical Insurance). Requires such adjustments in order to make the state average per beneficiary amount equal to the national average per beneficiary amount.

Directs the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MEDPAC) to develop recommendations on policies and practices that would encourage: (1) healthy outcomes and quality care under the Medicare program in states with respect to which payments are reduced under such system; and (2) the efficient use of payments made under the Medicare program in such states.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 7, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 5, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 1, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **May 1, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.