

S 1110

Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) Reform Act of 2009

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Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 8, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 20, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1380	Related bill	Jun 25, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
111 HR 2718	Identical bill	Jun 8, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) Reform Act of 2009 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to rename the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) the Medicare Payment and Access Commission, make it an independent executive branch (instead of a legislative branch) agency, and revise its membership requirements.

Directs MedPAC to determine payment rates for items and services furnished under Medicare.

Requires the Comptroller General to study and report annually to Congress on changes to payment policies under the Medicare program as a result of the amendments made by this Act.

Makes it in order in the Senate or the House to consider any measure that would overrule a MedPAC determination with respect to such payments if three-fifths of the Members agree to such consideration.

Authorizes MedPAC to advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), on priorities for health services research.

Directs MedPAC to establish: (1) an office of ombudsman to handle complaints on the implementation of certain regulations; and (2) a council of health and economic advisers to advise it on its development, analyses, and implementation of payment policies.

Establishes: (1) a consumer advisory council to advise MedPAC on the impact of Medicare payment policies on consumers; and (2) a federal health advisory council.

Actions Timeline

- **May 20, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 20, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5724-5725)
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