S 3216

Medicare Rural Health Care Equity Act of 2010

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)
Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Health
Introduced: Apr 15, 2010
Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Apr 15, 2010)
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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	Apr 15, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1796	Related bill	**Oct 19, 2009:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 184.

Summary (as of Apr 15, 2010)

Medicare Rural Health Care Equity Act of 2010 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), to revise the practice expense portion of the geographic adjustment applied in a fee schedule area for physicians' services furnished in 2010 and subsequent years. Reduces the employee wage and rent portions of the index for 2010 from 3/4 to 1/2 of the difference between the relative costs of employee wages and rents in each of the different fee schedule areas and the national average of such employee wages and rents. Reduces the same portions of the index for 2011 from 1/2 to 1/4 of such differences.

Amends PPACA to repeal specified floors for frontier states: (1) on the area wage index for hospitals; (2) on the area wage adjustment factor for hospital outpatient department services; and (3) for the practice expense index for services furnished in such states.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 15, 2010:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 15, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2387-2388)
- **Apr 15, 2010:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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