

## S 3978

Medicare Home Health Flexibility Act of 2010

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Nov 19, 2010

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Nov 19, 2010)

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 19, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1094	Related bill	<b>Feb 23, 2009:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

### Summary (as of Nov 19, 2010)

Medicare Home Health Flexibility Act of 2010 - Permits a home health agency to determine the most appropriate skilled service to make the initial assessment visit for an individual who: (1) is eligible for home health services under title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act; but (2) does not require skilled nursing care as long as that skilled service is included as part of the plan of care for such services.

Permits an occupational therapist to make the initial assessment visit in such a case if occupational therapy is included in such plan in the initial physician referral in conjunction with physical therapy or speech language pathology services.

### Actions Timeline

- **Nov 19, 2010:** Introduced in Senate
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