

HR 3987

To amend titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act to promote the use of health information technology to better coordinate health care.

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Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 4, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 3, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Amends title XI of the Social Security Act to exclude (provide safe harbors for) the practical or other advantages resulting from health information technology or related installation, maintenance, support, or training services from the ban on hospital payments to physicians (kickbacks) to induce reduction or limitation of services, which are subject to antikickback civil penalties. Exempts related nonmonetary remunerations meeting specified requirements from criminal penalties.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to assess and report to Congress on the effect of these safe harbors on the health system, especially the adoption of health information technology.

Amends SSA title XVIII (Medicare) to except from the limitation on certain physician referrals the provision of health information technology and training services to health care professionals.

Requires the Secretary to assess and report to Congress similarly on the impact of this exception on the health system, especially the adoption of health information technology.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 4, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 3, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 3, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Nov 3, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.
- **Nov 3, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means