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Veterans' Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Feb 10, 2009

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2081)  
(Feb 10, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/404>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Burris, Roland [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 10, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 10, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1377	Related bill	<b>Feb 1, 2010:</b> Became Public Law No: 111-137.

### Summary (as of Feb 10, 2009)

Veterans' Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2009 - Revises provisions concerning the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse a veteran for the cost of emergency care provided in a non-Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facility to provide that, if the veteran has contractual or legal recourse against a third party that would, in part, extinguish the veteran's liability to the provider of the emergency treatment and payment for the treatment may be made by both the VA and the third party, the amount payable by the VA shall be that which exceeds the cost payable by the third party.

Includes as third parties: (1) the Secretary of Health and Human Services, with respect to the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act; and (2) a state Medicaid agency with respect to payments under title XIX of such Act.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 10, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 10, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2080-2081)
- **Feb 10, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2081)

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