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Access to Durable Medical Equipment Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 3, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 616	Related bill	Jan 22, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Mar 3, 2009)

Access to Durable Medical Equipment Act - Amends part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, with respect to Medicare quality standards for suppliers of items and services which shall be applied by recognized independent accreditation organizations.

Applies to pharmacies and pharmacists the eligible professional exemption from such accreditation requirements, unless such standards are designed specifically for application to pharmacies and pharmacists.

Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to exempt pharmacies and pharmacists from such standards if licensing, accreditation, or other mandatory quality requirements apply to them with respect to the furnishing of items and services.

Actions Timeline

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