

## S 565

### Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2974)

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/565>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

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

#### Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 10, 2009
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Mar 10, 2009
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 10, 2009
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 21, 2009
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 22, 2009
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 30, 2009
Sen. Burris, Roland [D-IL]	D · IL		May 19, 2009
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 19, 2009
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 3, 2009
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jun 11, 2009
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 25, 2009
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 9, 2009
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 5, 2009
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 19, 2009
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 16, 2010
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		May 6, 2010
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		May 12, 2010
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 22, 2010

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 10, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1458	Identical bill	Apr 29, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

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

Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act of 2009 - Amends SSA title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) to: (1) continue entitlement to prescription drugs used in immunosuppressive therapy furnished to an individual who receives a kidney transplant for which payment is made under Medicare; and (2) extend Medicare secondary payer requirements for end stage renal disease (ESRD) beneficiaries.

Amends title XVIII (Medicare ) of SSA to apply special rules to kidney transplant recipients receiving additional coverage for immunosuppressive drugs. Deems such individual to be enrolled under Medicare part B and makes the individual responsible for the full amount of the applicable premiums. Applies deductible and coinsurance requirements to the provision of such drugs.

Amends the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and the Internal Revenue Code to set forth requirements for group health plans to provide coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients.

### Actions Timeline

- **Mar 10, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 10, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2973-2974)
- **Mar 10, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2974)