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Medicare Fracture Prevention and Osteoporosis Testing Act of 2009

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 1, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1894	Related bill	Apr 21, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Apr 1, 2009)

Medicare Fracture Prevention and Osteoporosis Testing Act of 2009 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a national minimum payment amount for CPT code 77080 (relating to dual energy x-ray absorptiometry, or DXA, the most widely accepted method of measuring bone mass to predict fracture risk) and CPT code 77082 (relating to vertebral fracture assessment, or VFA), and any successor to such codes as identified by the Secretary (bone mass scans).

Directs the Secretary to arrange with the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies to study and report to the Secretary and Congress on: (1) the ramifications of Medicare reimbursement reductions for DXA and VFA on beneficiary access to bone mass measurement benefits; and (2) the methods to increase use of bone mass measurement by Medicare beneficiaries.

Actions Timeline

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