

## S 950

### Medicare Patient Access to Physical Therapists Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Apr 30, 2009

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Apr 30, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/950>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]

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

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 30, 2009
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Apr 30, 2009
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		May 14, 2009
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		May 21, 2009
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 21, 2009
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 3, 2009
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 15, 2009
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jul 14, 2009
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 24, 2009
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Oct 21, 2009
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		Apr 26, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 30, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1829	Identical bill	<b>Apr 1, 2009:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Apr 30, 2009)

---

Medicare Patient Access to Physical Therapists Act of 2009 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to authorize qualified physical therapists to provide services for Medicare beneficiaries without the requirement of a physician referral.

Provides for treatment of outpatient speech-language pathology services separately from outpatient physical therapy services.

## Actions Timeline

---

- **Apr 30, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 30, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.