

## S 1878

### Coordination of Pro Bono Medically Recommended Dental Care Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Nov 16, 2011)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 8, 2012
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 15, 2012
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 21, 2012
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 31, 2012

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 16, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 4091	Related bill	Feb 27, 2012: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Coordination of Pro Bono Medically Recommended Dental Care Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to award competitive grants to, or enter into contracts with, eligible entities to fund the employment costs of professionals who will use grant or contract funds to: (1) coordinate the provision of medically recommended dental care to eligible low-income individuals by volunteer dentists in a manner consistent with state licensing laws; and (2) verify the medical, dental, and financial needs of individuals who may be eligible for free dental services.

Requires an eligible: (1) entity to be tax exempt and provide for the participation of eligible individuals in a free dental services program on a national basis; and (2) individual to be entitled to benefits or be enrolled under Medicare, Medicaid, or a state plan or waiver under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP, formerly known as SCHIP).

#### **Actions Timeline**

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