

HR 1958

Medicare Orthotics and Prosthetics Improvement Act of 2011

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Sponsor

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Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		May 24, 2011
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		May 24, 2011
Rep. Altmire, Jason [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Jun 13, 2011
Rep. Latham, Tom [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Jun 21, 2011
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jul 14, 2011
Rep. Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Jul 14, 2011
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		Nov 1, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 3, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 2125	Related bill	Feb 17, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S910-912)

Medicare Orthotics and Prosthetics Improvement Act of 2011 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, for application of quality standards for certain accredited suppliers of prosthetic devices, orthotics, and certain prosthetics, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to designate and approve an independent accreditation organization with respect to such suppliers only if that organization is the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics, Inc. or the Board for Orthotist/ Prosthetist Certification (or a program with essentially equivalent accreditation and approval standards). Exempts from such standards any suppliers who: (1) are physicians, occupational therapists, or physical therapists licensed or otherwise regulated by the state in which they practice; and (2) receive Medicare payments.

Applies to custom-fitted orthotics the special payment rules for certain prosthetics and custom-fabricated orthotics.

Modifies the Medicare payment rules for orthotics and prosthetics to account for practitioner qualifications and complexity of care.

Directs the Secretary to report to Congress on: (1) HHS steps taken to ensure that the state licensure and accreditation requirements are enforced, and (2) the effects of requirements of this Act on the occurrence of Medicare fraud and abuse with respect to orthotics and prosthetics.

Requires the Chief Actuary of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to submit to Congress a projection of the effect on cumulative federal spending under Medicare part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) for 2012-2016 that will result from implementation of this Act. Requires the Secretary, if the Chief Actuary projects that implementation of this Act will not result in a cumulative spending reduction of at least \$250 million for 2012-2016, to issue an interim final regulation to strengthen the licensure, accreditation, and quality standards applicable to orthotics and prosthetics suppliers in order to produce such a cumulative reduction by the end of 2016. Exempts from such regulation any qualified physical therapist or qualified occupational therapist.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 3, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 31, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 24, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **May 24, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.