

## S 2125

### Medicare Orthotics and Prosthetics Improvement Act of 2012

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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#### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

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

#### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Feb 17, 2012
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 17, 2012
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 7, 2012
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 9, 2012
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Jul 16, 2012

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 17, 2012

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

Health

#### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 1958	Related bill	Jun 3, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Medicare Orthotics and Prosthetics Improvement Act of 2012 - 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. Exempts from such rules off-the-shelf orthotics included in a competitive acquisition program.

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 Secretary, acting through the Chief Actuary of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to submit to Congress a projection on the effect on cumulative federal spending under Medicare part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) for 2013-2017 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 2013-2017, 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 2017. Exempts from such regulation any qualified physical therapist or qualified occupational therapist.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 17, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 17, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S910)
- **Feb 17, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S910-912)