

## HR 3258

Medicare Equity Extension Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Oct 28, 2011)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Oct 25, 2011
Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Oct 25, 2011
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Oct 25, 2011
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Oct 25, 2011
Resident Commissioner Pierluisi, Pedro R. [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Dec 1, 2011
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		Dec 16, 2011
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Jan 24, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 28, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 28, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Medicare Equity Extension Act of 2011 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, with respect to the formulae for determining payments for physician services under part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance Benefits for the Aged and Disabled), to extend through calendar 2013: (1) a specified formula element for the employee wage and rent portions of the Medicare practice expense geographic adjustment, and (2) the Medicare work geographic adjustment floor at 1.0 under the Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010.

Terminates as of December 31, 2011, the 1.00 floor under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA): (1) on the area wage index for hospitals in frontier states (half of whose counties have a population per square mile of less than 6), (2) on the area wage adjustment factor for hospital outpatient department (OPD) services in frontier states, and (3) for the practice expense index for services furnished in frontier states.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 28, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 25, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 25, 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.