

## S 856

### Medicare Spending Transparency Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Apr 14, 2011

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2531-3532)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2531-3532)  
(Apr 14, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/856>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 14, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Apr 14, 2011)

Medicare Spending Transparency Act of 2011 - Amends title XI of the Social Security Act (SSA) to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), consistent with applicable information, privacy, security, and disclosure laws, to make public on the Internet website of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services the following data with respect to SSA title XVIII (Medicare): (1) a complete list of service providers and suppliers participating in the Medicare program, including their business addresses; and (2) certain aggregate information about each provider and supplier.

Entitles a qualified individual or group, for health research and fraud detection purposes, to access to Medicare claims and payment data of both HHS and its contractors. Directs the Secretary to establish procedures for the storage and use of data provided to such an individual or group.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 14, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 14, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2531)
- **Apr 14, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2531-3532)

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