

## S 623

### Diagnostic Imaging Services Access Protection Act of 2013

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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. (Mar 20, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/623>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

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

## Cosponsors (22 total)

| Cosponsor                       | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]       | R · LA        |      | Mar 20, 2013 |
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]    | D · NM        |      | Apr 25, 2013 |
| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]   | R · ME        |      | May 6, 2013  |
| Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]        | D · AK        |      | May 8, 2013  |
| Sen. Cowan, William M. [D-MA]   | D · MA        |      | May 8, 2013  |
| Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]   | D · LA        |      | May 8, 2013  |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]      | D · MN        |      | May 20, 2013 |
| Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]      | D · AR        |      | Jun 7, 2013  |
| Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]    | R · TN        |      | Jun 18, 2013 |
| Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]          | R · MO        |      | Jun 19, 2013 |
| Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]     | R · ID        |      | Jul 8, 2013  |
| Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT] | D · CT        |      | Aug 1, 2013  |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]   | D · MA        |      | Sep 9, 2013  |
| Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]       | R · NC        |      | Sep 10, 2013 |
| Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]        | R · KS        |      | Sep 10, 2013 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]    | D · MI        |      | Sep 10, 2013 |
| Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]       | D · NC        |      | Oct 28, 2013 |
| Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]        | R · NV        |      | Oct 28, 2013 |
| Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]     | R · GA        |      | Nov 6, 2013  |
| Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]        | R · KS        |      | Nov 6, 2013  |
| Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]       | R · NH        |      | Jan 16, 2014 |
| Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]    | R · OK        |      | Feb 26, 2014 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Finance Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Mar 20, 2013 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship   | Last Action                                          |
|------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 113 HR 846 | Identical bill | Mar 4, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

## Summary (as of Mar 20, 2013)

Diagnostic Imaging Services Access Protection Act of 2013 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, with respect to payments for physician services, to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) from applying a multiple procedure payment reduction policy to the professional component of imaging services until the Secretary publishes in the Federal Register: (1) an analysis of the information used in the final rule to implement the physician fee schedule in 2013 to determine what, if any, efficiencies exist within the professional component of imaging services when two or more studies are performed on the same patient on the same day; and (2) detailed information on which activities in the vignettes in such rule were assigned specified reduction percentages, how such percentage reductions for the pre-, intra-, and post-service work were determined and calculated, and the clinical aspects that went into those decisions.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 20, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 20, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.