



MEMORANDUM

To: Reporters and Editors  
From: Carol Guthrie for Finance Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.)  
Re: upcoming vote on House-passed version of Baucus Medicare bill

Senate Finance Chairman Baucus issued a statement Wednesday afternoon in advance of expected Senate consideration this week of H.R. 6331, a House-passed modification of Baucus's own Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (S. 3101), which he introduced in the Senate earlier this month. From Chairman Baucus:

**"I strongly urge the swift passage of H.R. 6331 in the Senate. I have worked for months with many colleagues for a Medicare bill that improves care for seniors, improves reimbursements to their doctors, and finds smart savings from overpaid parts of the program, and I have always sought to craft a bill that could pass with bipartisan support. Tuesday's overwhelming House vote makes clear that the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act can be that bipartisan vehicle, and just in time. I urge my colleagues to support the House-passed Medicare bill for the sake of the forty-four million American seniors depending on Medicare for their health care."**