

**Emergency Medicine Provisions
2009 Health Care Reform**

Provision	HR 3961	HR 3962	Sen HELP	Sen Finance
Include emergency services as part of essential health care benefits package		X	X	X
Quality improvement measured by ED patient through-put		X		
Statutory authorization for ECCC & ECCC Council of Emergency Medicine. HHS annual report to Congress on ECCC activities w/focus on ED crowding/boarding & delays in ED care following presentation.		X		
Emergency care/trauma regionalization pilot project grants		X	X	
Trauma stabilization grants		X	X	
Reauthorize EMSC for 5 years			X	
HHS incentive payments to states that establish medical liability reforms (Certificate of Merit/early offer)		X		
HHS demo project to reimburse private psych hospitals that provide EMTALA services to Medicaid beneficiaries		X		X
Require Exchange health plans to provide emergency services w/out regard to prior authorization or EPs contractual relationship				X
HHS working group to develop ED boarding & ambulance diversion standards & quality measures for hospitals to improve ED efficiency & patient flow				X
Medicare physician payment reforms:				
* 2010 update based on MEI	* X			* --
* Rebase SGR	* X			* --
* Exclude non-physician items from spending target	* X			* --
* Allowable future growth for E&M services GDP +2%	* X			* --
* Increase 2010 payment by 0.5%/Decrease 2010 payment by 0.5%	* --			* X