



# Committee On Finance

Max Baucus, Ranking Member

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## **Statement of U.S. Senator Max Baucus on Medicaid Commission Recommendations**

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) U.S. Senator Max Baucus issued the following statement after the Bush Administration's Medicaid Commission released its recommendations for the Medicaid program. As ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Baucus has played a lead role in protecting the Medicaid program from proposed budget cuts. The statement follows:

"I am working with Chairman Grassley to find agreement on a \$10 billion budget reconciliation package, which the Finance Committee must report by September 16. While I don't believe that all those savings should come from Medicaid, I believe some of the commission's ideas have merit, and may warrant consideration in that bill. I'm also heartened that the commission did not recommend a number of proposals which, in my view, may have harmed Medicaid beneficiaries' access to care."

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