



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

November 30, 2007

S. 2004

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish epilepsy centers of excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
on November 14, 2007*

S. 2004 would require the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish at least six centers of excellence for epilepsy research, education, and clinical care at VA health care facilities, and to appoint a national coordinator for those centers and for other epilepsy programs at the Veterans Health Administration. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$6 million each year over the 2008-2012 period and such sums as may be necessary for the national coordinator. CBO estimates that in addition to the specified authorizations, VA would require less than \$500,000 annually for the national coordinator.

In total, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2004 would cost \$3 million in 2008 and \$31 million over the 2008-2012 period, assuming that the specified and estimated amounts are appropriated and that outlays follow historical spending patterns for similar programs. Enacting the bill would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

S. 2004 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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