

S 1273

Improving Health Care in Rural America Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 31, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 31, 2001)

Improving Health Care in Rural America Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to replace the current program of grants for integrated health care delivery systems or networks in rural areas and regions. Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish, and the Director of the Rural Health Policy of the Health Resources and Services Administration to administer, grant programs for rural health services outreach, rural health network development, and small health care provider quality improvement to expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health services, and to enhance the delivery of health care in rural areas.

Authorizes the Secretary to establish a telehomecare demonstration project of up to five three-year grants to eligible certified home care providers, individually or as part of a network of home health agencies, for the provision of telehomecare to improve patient care, prevent health care complications, improve patient outcomes, and achieve efficiencies in the delivery of care to patients who reside in rural areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 31, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 31, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8467-8468)
- **Jul 31, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8468-8469)