

S 1281

Health Care Safety Net Amendments of 2001

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jul 31, 2001

Current Status: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the

Latest Action: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably. (Aug 1, 2001)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Markup By	Aug 2, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 31, 2001)

Health Care Safety Net Amendments of 2001 - Reauthorizes the health centers program under the Public Health Service Act (PHSA). Includes within: (1) "required primary health services" appropriate cancer screening (currently, screening for breast and cervical cancer), specialty referral when medically indicated, and specified housing-related services; and (2) "additional health services" the detection and remediation of lead exposures. Authorizes the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration to award grants for translation services for clients for whom English is a second language.

Rewrites PHSA provisions regarding rural health. Authorizes the Director of the Office of Rural Health Policy to: (1) award rural health network development grants to promote the development of integrated health care networks; and (2) award grants for the planning and implementation of small health care provider quality improvement activities.

Telehealth Grant Consolidation Act of 2001 - Establishes in HRSA an Office for the Advancement of Telehealth, headed by a Director.

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to eligible certified home care providers for the provision of tele-home care.

Reauthorizes and rewrites PHSA provisions regarding the National Health Service Corps program. Prohibits an entity to which a Corps member is assigned from denying requested health services and discriminating in the provision of services because an individual is unable to pay.

Establishes a Healthy Communities Access program to help coordinate services for uninsured and under-insured.

Amends the Social Security Act to provide exemptions from copayment and deductible requirements for rural health clinics.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 1, 2001:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 31, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 31, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.