

S 2555

Rural Act of 2002

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 23, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]

Party: Democratic • State: MT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Sep 9, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 23, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 23, 2002)

Revitalizing Underserved Rural Areas and Localities (RURAL) Act of 2002 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) with respect to the Medicare inpatient hospital prospective payment system and rural and small urban areas. Provides for acceleration of the rate of reduction of beneficiary copayment liability under the Medicare hospital outpatient department prospective payment system.

Includes certain other measures designed to assist rural areas. Provides for a full market basket increase in FY 2003 for Medicare hospitals in rural and small urban areas. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to increase the payment amount for home health services furnished in a frontier or rural area from April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2006.

Revises requirements with respect to critical access hospitals, providing coverage of costs for certain emergency room on-call providers. Provides for coverage of air ambulance services, including services requested by a Federal or State agency to relocate patients following a natural disaster, an act of war, or a terrorist attack.

Actions Timeline

- **May 23, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 23, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4843-4844)
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