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Rural Mental Health Accessibility Act of 2001

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4852-4853) (May 14, 2001)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Thomas, Craig [R-WY]

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		May 10, 2001
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		May 10, 2001
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		May 10, 2001
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		May 10, 2001
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		May 10, 2001
Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	R · MT		Jun 19, 2001
Sen. Edwards, John [D-NC]	D · NC		Jun 19, 2001
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jun 26, 2001
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 5, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 10, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Rural Mental Health Accessibility Act of 2001 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Director of the Office of Rural Health Policy to: (1) award grants to eligible entities to conduct mental health community education programs; (2) award grants to eligible entities to establish interdisciplinary training programs that include significant mental health training in rural areas for certain health care providers.

Directs the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health to carry out activities to research the efficacy and effectiveness of mental health services delivered remotely by a qualified mental health professional (psychiatrist or doctoral level psychologist) using telehealth technologies.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible entities to establish demonstration projects for the provision of mental health services to special populations as delivered remotely by qualified mental health professionals using telehealth and for the provision of education regarding mental illness as delivered remotely by qualified mental health professionals and qualified mental health education professionals using telehealth.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **May 14, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4852-4853)
- **May 10, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 10, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4824-4825, S4826-4827)
- **May 10, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4825-4826)