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Rural Access to Emergency Services Act of 2005

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		May 24, 2005
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		May 24, 2005
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		May 24, 2005
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 24, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2005

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 2525	Identical bill	Jun 17, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Rural Access to Emergency Services Act of 2005 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) with respect to: (1) cost-based critical access hospital ambulance services; (2) appropriate coverage of rural ground ambulance services; and (3) payments to retain emergency and other capacity for ambulances in rural areas.

Amends SSA title XI to provide for expanding the work of Medicare quality improvement organizations to include ambulance providers.

Amends the Communications Act of 1934 with respect to including ambulance providers in the definition of health care provider for purposes of the Universal Service Fund.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to States to encourage them to make improvements to their emergency medical services systems.

Actions Timeline

- **May 24, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 24, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5852-5853)
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