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Rural Hospital and Provider Equity (HoPE) Act of 2006

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	R · MT		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]	D · CO		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 13, 2006
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 14, 2006
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Jun 14, 2006
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 26, 2006
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jun 28, 2006
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Aug 2, 2006
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 12, 2006
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Sep 12, 2006
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Sep 13, 2006
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 20, 2006
Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	R · VA		Dec 5, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 13, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Rural Hospital and Provider Equity (HoPE) Act of 2006 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act with respect to: (1) the Medicare disproportionate share hospital (DSH) adjustment for rural hospitals; (2) extension of the temporary increase in payments to certain rural hospitals (Medicare hold harmless provision) under the prospective payment system for hospital outpatient department services; (3) the definition of low-volume hospital for purposes of the Medicare inpatient hospital payment adjustment; (4) critical access hospitals; (5) extension of the Medicare incentive payment program for physician scarcity areas; (6) extension of the 1.00 floor on Medicare work geographic adjustment to payments for physician services; (7) Medicare home health care planning; (8) rural health clinics; (9) use of medical conditions for coding ambulance services; (10) extension of increased Medicare payments for ground ambulance services in rural areas; and (11) coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under Medicare part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance).

Amends the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 with respect to the extension of: (1) Medicare wage index reclassifications for certain hospitals; and (2) Medicare reasonable costs payments for certain clinical diagnostic laboratory tests furnished to hospital patients in certain rural areas.

Amends the Public Health Service Act with respect to: (1) a capital infrastructure revolving loan program; and (2) community health center collaborative access.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to: (1) conduct pilot projects to provide incentives to home health agencies to utilize remote home monitoring and communications technologies; and (2) facilitate the provision of telehealth services across state lines.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 13, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 13, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5789-5790)
- **Jun 13, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5790-5793)