

## S 1605

Craig Thomas Rural Hospital and Provider Equity Act of 2007

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### Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (28 total)

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Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 13, 2007
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Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 20, 2007
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Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 23, 2007
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Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 30, 2007
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Aug 3, 2007
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Sep 11, 2007
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Nov 16, 2007
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Apr 2, 2008
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 17, 2008
Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	R · MN		Apr 21, 2008
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Apr 23, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 13, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Craig Thomas Rural Hospital and Provider Equity Act of 2007 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act with respect to: (1) the Medicare disproportionate share hospital (DSH) adjustment for rural hospitals; (2) revision of the temporary increase in payments to certain rural hospitals (Medicare hold harmless provision); (3) the definition of low-volume hospital for purposes of the Medicare inpatient hospital payment adjustment; (4) Medicare wage index reclassifications for certain hospitals; (5) Medicare reasonable costs payments for certain clinical diagnostic laboratory tests furnished to hospitals in certain rural areas; (6) critical access hospitals; (7) the capital infrastructure revolving loan program; (8) the Medicare incentive payment program for physician scarcity areas; (9) the 1.00 floor on Medicare work geographic adjustment to payments for physician services; (10) Medicare home health care planning; (11) rural health clinics; (12) community health center collaborative access; (13) the temporary Medicare payment increase for home health services furnished in a rural area; (14) increased Medicare payments for rural ground ambulance services; and (15) coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under Medicare part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance).

Amends the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 to provide for the extension of treatment of certain physician pathology services under Medicare.

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.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jun 13, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 13, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7642-7643)
- **Jun 13, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.