

## S 1171

### Critical Access Flexibility Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 3, 2009

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jun 3, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/1171>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]

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

## Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		Jun 3, 2009
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 3, 2009
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		Jun 3, 2009
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 3, 2009
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Jun 3, 2009
Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 3, 2009
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 4, 2009
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 11, 2009
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 29, 2009
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jul 30, 2009
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Aug 4, 2009
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 9, 2009
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 22, 2009
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Sep 30, 2009
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Oct 5, 2009
Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH]	R · OH		Oct 15, 2009
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 11, 2010

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 3, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

---

### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2692	Related bill	<b>Jun 3, 2009:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

### Summary (as of Jun 3, 2009)

Critical Access Flexibility Act of 2009 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act with respect to the Medicare rural hospital flexibility program a state may establish.

Authorizes state designation of a Medicare critical access hospital (CAH), even if it does not comply with the requirement that it be located more than a 35-mile drive from another hospital, if it is certified by the state on or after enactment of this Act as being a necessary provider of health care services to residents in the area. (Thus restores state authority that existed before January 1, 2006, to waive the 35-mile rule.)

### Actions Timeline

- **Jun 3, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 3, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6033)
- **Jun 3, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.