

## S 1253

Patient Access to Disposable Medical Technology Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 184. (Jul 30, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1253>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		May 7, 2015
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		May 12, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 30, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1018	Related bill	<b>Mar 27, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Patient Access to Disposable Medical Technology Act of 2015**

(Sec. 2) This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to make a separate payment, calculated according to a specified formula, to a home health agency for an applicable disposable device when furnished on or after January 1, 2017 to an individual who receives home health services for which payment is made under Medicare.

An "applicable disposable device" is one that is:

- a disposable negative pressure wound therapy device that is an integrated system composed of a non-manual vacuum pump, a receptacle for collecting exudate, and dressings for the purposes of wound therapy; and
- a substitute for, and used in lieu of, a negative pressure wound therapy durable medical equipment item that is an integrated system of a negative pressure vacuum pump, a separate exudate collection canister, and dressings that would otherwise be covered for individuals for such wound therapy.

The Government Accountability Office shall study:

- the value of disposable devices to the Medicare program and Medicare beneficiaries as well as the role of disposable devices as substitutes for durable medical equipment, and
- the impact of the payment under this Act for applicable disposable devices.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 30, 2015:** Committee on Finance. Reported by Senator Hatch with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 114-105.
- **Jul 30, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 184.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 7, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 7, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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