

## S 139

### Ensuring Access to Clinical Trials Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 8, 2015

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 114-63.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 114-63. (Oct 7, 2015)

**Law:** 114-63 (Enacted Oct 7, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/139>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors (15 total)

| Cosponsor                          | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]         | D · OH        |      | Jan 8, 2015  |
| Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]        | R · UT        |      | Jan 8, 2015  |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]      | D · MA        |      | Jan 8, 2015  |
| Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]         | D · CA        |      | Jan 13, 2015 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]         | D · MN        |      | Jan 13, 2015 |
| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]     | D · IL        |      | Feb 12, 2015 |
| Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]  | D · DE        |      | Feb 25, 2015 |
| Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]          | R · NH        |      | Mar 10, 2015 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]       | D · MI        |      | Mar 16, 2015 |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]     | D · CO        |      | Mar 18, 2015 |
| Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]       | R · MS        |      | Apr 13, 2015 |
| Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]        | D · NH        |      | Apr 28, 2015 |
| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]      | R · ME        |      | Jun 1, 2015  |
| Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]           | R · KS        |      | Jun 25, 2015 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY        |      | Jul 9, 2015  |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity        | Date         |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred to     | Jul 24, 2015 |
| Finance Committee             | Senate  | Discharged From | Jul 16, 2015 |
| Ways and Means Committee      | House   | Referred to     | Jul 21, 2015 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship   | Last Action                               |
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| 114 HR 209 | Identical bill | Sep 18, 2015: Subcommittee Hearings Held. |

### Summary (as of Oct 7, 2015)

This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate-passed version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Improving Access to Clinical Trials Act of 2009 to repeal the sunset of, and so extend indefinitely, the exclusion from resources under titles XVI (Supplemental Security Income) and XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act, for eligibility purposes, of compensation in the amount of the first \$2,000 per year received by individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

### Actions Timeline

- **Oct 7, 2015:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 7, 2015:** Became Public Law No: 114-63.
- **Sep 30, 2015:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 28, 2015:** Mr. Ryan (WI) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 28, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6276-6279)
- **Sep 28, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 139.
- **Sep 28, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6276)
- **Sep 28, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6276)
- **Sep 28, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 24, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 21, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 20, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 20, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jul 17, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 16, 2015:** Senate Committee on Finance discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 16, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5175; text as passed Senate: CR S5175)
- **Jul 16, 2015:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5175; text as passed Senate: CR S5175)
- **Jan 8, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 8, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S105; text of measure as introduced: CR S105)