

## S 1456

Rural ACO Improvement Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 22, 2015
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		May 22, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 22, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6261	Related bill	<b>Oct 7, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 HR 5667	Related bill	<b>Jul 15, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 S 2261	Related bill	<b>Dec 18, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 S 2259	Related bill	<b>Nov 9, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Rural ACO Improvement Act of 2015**

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to establish additional requirements for assigning Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries to accountable care organizations (ACOs) under the Medicare shared savings program. The program enables ACOs to receive payments for savings stemming from care coordination and management.

Specifically, the bill requires the basis for assignment to reflect beneficiaries' utilization of not only primary care services provided by ACO physicians, but also those provided by other ACO practitioners, and those furnished in federally qualified health centers or rural health clinics. Other ACO practitioners include physician assistants, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified registered nurse anesthetists, certified nurse-midwives, clinical social workers, clinical psychologists, and registered dietitians or nutrition professionals.

## **Actions Timeline**

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