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### Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Improvement Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 12, 2015

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jan 12, 2015)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jan 12, 2015
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 12, 2015
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jan 12, 2015
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jan 12, 2015
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Feb 25, 2015
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Mar 16, 2015
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Mar 19, 2015
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 19, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 12, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2	Related bill	<b>Apr 16, 2015:</b> Became Public Law No: 114-10.
114 HR 284	Identical bill	<b>Mar 17, 2015:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Improvement Act of 2015**

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act with respect to the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program.

Prohibits the Secretary of Health and Human Services from accepting a bid from an entity for an area unless it: (1) meets state licensure requirements for the area for all items in the submitted bid for a product category, and (2) has obtained a bid surety bond of between \$50,000 and \$100,000 for each such area.

Prescribes requirements for the treatment of losing bidders and successful bidders that do not accept a contract.

### **Actions Timeline**

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