

S 2261

Rural ACO Provider Equity Act of 2015

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Nov 9, 2015

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Dec 18, 2015)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/2261>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA] | D · WA | | Nov 9, 2015 |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA] | D · WA | | Nov 9, 2015 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Dec 18, 2015 |
| Finance Committee | Senate | Discharged From | Dec 18, 2015 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Dec 18, 2015 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 114 HR 34 | Related bill | Dec 13, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-255. |
| 114 HR 6261 | Related bill | Oct 7, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |
| 114 HR 5667 | Related bill | Jul 15, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |
| 114 S 2259 | Related bill | Nov 9, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 114 S 1456 | Related bill | May 22, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

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(Sec. 2) 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 furnished in federally qualified health centers or rural health clinics.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 18, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 18, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 18, 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.
- **Dec 18, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 17, 2015:** Senate Committee on Finance discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8834-8835)
- **Dec 17, 2015:** Senate Committee on Finance discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8834-8835)
- **Dec 17, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S8835)
- **Dec 17, 2015:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S8835)
- **Nov 9, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 9, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.