

S 2261

Rural ACO Provider Equity Act of 2015

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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
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
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.