

S 2364

Medicare Home Health Flexibility Act of 2015

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S8)

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S8495-8496; text of measure as introduced: CR S8496) (Dec 8, 2015)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Dec 8, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 8, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6404	Related bill	Nov 30, 2016: 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.

Summary (as of Dec 8, 2015)

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This bill establishes circumstances under which an occupational therapist may conduct the initial assessment visit for an individual who is eligible for home health services under Medicare. Specifically, an occupational therapist may conduct the assessment if the physician's referral order does not include skilled nursing care but does include: (1) occupational therapy, and (2) physical therapy or speech language pathology.

Actions Timeline

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