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Preserve Access to Medicare Rural Home Health Services Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 10, 2015

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 839	Related bill	Mar 23, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1711-1712)

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This bill amends the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to extend through 2021 the rural add-on, which is a payment increase for Medicare home health services furnished to patients in rural areas.

The bill also amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to lower, for FY2018-FY2022, the annual ceiling on the home health outlier adjustment, which is a payment increase for home health services furnished to the costliest Medicare beneficiaries, from 2.5% to 2.25% of the total Medicare payments projected to be made under the prospective payment system for home health services. (Under the Medicare prospective payment system, payment is made according to a predetermined, fixed amount.)

Actions Timeline

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