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### Protecting Access to Rural Therapy Services (PARTS) Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]

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

### Cosponsors (21 total)

| Cosponsor                         | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]           | D · MT        |      | Jan 27, 2015 |
| Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]           | R · SD        |      | Jan 27, 2015 |
| Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV] | R · WV        |      | Jan 29, 2015 |
| Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]      | R · WY        |      | Jan 29, 2015 |
| Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]       | D · ND        |      | Jan 29, 2015 |
| Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]   | I · ME        |      | Jan 29, 2015 |
| Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]        | R · WY        |      | Feb 2, 2015  |
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]       | R · IA        |      | Feb 2, 2015  |
| Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]         | R · AR        |      | Feb 3, 2015  |
| Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]           | D · MN        |      | Feb 3, 2015  |
| Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]         | R · MS        |      | Feb 4, 2015  |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]        | D · MN        |      | Feb 4, 2015  |
| Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]         | D · HI        |      | Feb 5, 2015  |
| Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]         | R · MT        |      | Feb 10, 2015 |
| Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]          | R · ND        |      | Feb 23, 2015 |
| Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]     | R · IL        |      | Mar 9, 2015  |
| Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]          | R · NE        |      | Mar 17, 2015 |
| Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]         | R · CO        |      | May 11, 2015 |
| Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]          | R · SD        |      | Jun 1, 2015  |
| Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]            | D · NM        |      | Jun 15, 2015 |
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]      | D · NM        |      | May 10, 2016 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Finance Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jan 27, 2015 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 114 HR 3225 | Related bill   | <b>Aug 5, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |
| 114 HR 1611 | Identical bill | <b>Apr 7, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

### Summary (as of Jan 27, 2015)

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#### Protecting Access to Rural Therapy Services (PARTS) Act

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to state that, except with respect to high-risk or complex medical services requiring direct levels of supervision, if the Secretary of Health and Human Services requires supervision by a physician or non-physician practitioner for Medicare payment for therapeutic hospital outpatient services, that requirement is met if such services are furnished under the physician's or non-physician practitioner's general supervision.

Directs the Secretary to establish a process for designating therapeutic hospital outpatient services for which direct supervision may be required for the entire service or direct supervision during the initiation of the service followed by general supervision for the remainder of the service.

Declares without force or effect in law regarding Medicare requirements for direct supervision by physicians for therapeutic hospital outpatient services a specified restatement and clarification under the final rulemaking changes to the Medicare hospital outpatient prospective payment system and calendar year 2009 payment rates, which was published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2008.

### Actions Timeline

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