

## S 313

Prevent Interruptions in Physical Therapy Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

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

## Cosponsors (33 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Jan 29, 2015
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jan 29, 2015
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 29, 2015
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 23, 2015
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Feb 24, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 25, 2015
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 2, 2015
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 9, 2015
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 16, 2015
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 14, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 19, 2015
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jun 8, 2015
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Jun 8, 2015
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jun 9, 2015
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jun 9, 2015
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 10, 2015
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 17, 2015
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 18, 2015
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Jun 22, 2015
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Jun 23, 2015
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Jun 23, 2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 23, 2015
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 23, 2015
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 9, 2015
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 13, 2015
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jul 21, 2015
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Oct 29, 2015
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Apr 26, 2016
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 19, 2016
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		May 23, 2016
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 27, 2016
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Dec 5, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 30, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 556	Identical bill	<b>Feb 27, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Jul 30, 2015)

### Prevent Interruptions in Physical Therapy Act of 2015

(Sec. 2) This bill amends part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require physical therapists furnishing outpatient physical therapy services in a health professional shortage area, a medically underserved area, or a rural area to use specified locum tenens arrangements for payment purposes in the same manner as such arrangements are used to apply to physicians furnishing substitute physicians services for other physicians.

(Locum tenens [place holder], or substitute, physicians usually assume professional practices in the absence of a regular physician for reasons such as illness, pregnancy, vacation, or continuing medical education.)

### Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2015:** Committee on Finance. Reported by Senator Hatch with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 114-98.
- **Jul 30, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 177.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 29, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 29, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.