

HR 3225

Save Rural Hospitals Act

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Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Dec 3, 2015
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Dec 7, 2015
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Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Feb 3, 2016
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Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Feb 23, 2016
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Mar 14, 2016
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Mar 14, 2016
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Mar 17, 2016
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Mar 17, 2016
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Apr 12, 2016
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		May 11, 2016
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		May 31, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 27, 2015
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 31, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 5, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2156	Related bill	May 18, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 HR 1611	Related bill	Apr 7, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 S 257	Related bill	Jan 27, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Jul 27, 2015)

Save Rural Hospitals Act

This bill amends titles XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSAct) to increase payments to, and modify various requirements regarding, rural health care providers under the Medicare program. Among other provisions, the bill: (1) reverses cuts to reimbursement of bad debt for critical access hospitals (CAHs) and rural hospitals, as well as alters certain requirements with regard to CAHs; (2) extends payment levels for low-volume hospitals and Medicare-dependent hospitals (MDHs); (3) reinstates revised diagnosis-related group payments to MDHs and sole community hospitals (SCHs), as well as reinstates hold harmless treatment for hospital outpatient services for SCHs; (4) delays the application of penalties for a rural hospital's failure to become a meaningful electronic health record user; (5) makes permanent increased Medicare payments for ground ambulance services in rural areas; (6) alters certain supervision requirements for therapeutic hospital outpatient services; (7) modifies requirements related to the use and payment of recovery audit contractors; and (8) establishes a program under which rural hospitals meeting specified requirements may be eligible for enhanced payment for qualified outpatient services.

In addition, the bill amends the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to eliminate Medicare sequestration for rural hospitals.

The bill also amends title XIX (Medicaid) of SSAct to extend Medicaid primary care payments.

With respect to both the Medicare and Medicaid programs, the bill eliminates disproportionate share hospital payment reductions for rural hospitals.

The bill also amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize several competitive grant programs to assist eligible rural hospitals.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 5, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 31, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 27, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 27, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Budget, 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.