

## HR 4553

CARE Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 19, 2016)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MS • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Feb 12, 2016
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Feb 12, 2016
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Feb 12, 2016
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Feb 12, 2016
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Feb 12, 2016
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Feb 24, 2016
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Mar 15, 2016
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Apr 19, 2016
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		May 16, 2016
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		May 24, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 19, 2016
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 17, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Critical Access and Rural Equity Act of 2016 or the CARE Act of 2016**

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to specify that, for purposes of determining Medicare payment and reasonable costs for both inpatient and outpatient critical access hospital (CAH) services, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) shall recognize as allowable costs those related to specified emergency, diagnostic, anesthetist, community health, and off-campus clinical services.

Furthermore, in determining payment and reasonable costs for both inpatient and outpatient CAH services, CMS shall not disallow payment to a CAH on the basis that such payment offsets the cost of a current permissible health care-related tax imposed on and paid by the CAH. CMS must make specified payment adjustments to account for such a tax.

Generally, under current law, a facility must be located beyond a specified driving distance from another hospital or facility in order to be designated as a CAH. The bill specifies that this requirement does not apply with respect to a CAH's off-campus provider-based clinic.

Current law further requires a facility to provide certain 24-hour emergency care services as a condition of designation as a CAH. The bill allows CMS to waive this requirement with respect to a facility that coordinates with a nearby facility or hospital that provides such services.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 19, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 17, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 12, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 12, 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.