

## S 578

### Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 26, 2015

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1163-1164) (Feb 26, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/578>

#### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

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

**Cosponsors** (52 total)

| Cosponsor                          | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]    | D · NY        |      | Feb 26, 2015 |
| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]     | D · IL        |      | Mar 3, 2015  |
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]        | R · IA        |      | Mar 10, 2015 |
| Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]    | I · ME        |      | Mar 16, 2015 |
| Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]  | D · DE        |      | Mar 17, 2015 |
| Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]        | D · NH        |      | Mar 17, 2015 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]         | D · MN        |      | Mar 23, 2015 |
| Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]             | D · NM        |      | Mar 23, 2015 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]      | D · MA        |      | Mar 23, 2015 |
| Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]  | R · WV        |      | Mar 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]        | R · AK        |      | Mar 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]         | D · OH        |      | Apr 16, 2015 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]             | D · RI        |      | Apr 16, 2015 |
| Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]    | D · RI        |      | Apr 21, 2015 |
| Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]    | D · MD        |      | Apr 23, 2015 |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]             | D · OR        |      | Apr 29, 2015 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]          | D · OR        |      | May 4, 2015  |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]      | D · MA        |      | May 11, 2015 |
| Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]       | R · MS        |      | May 11, 2015 |
| Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]            | D · MN        |      | May 13, 2015 |
| Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]         | R · WY        |      | May 18, 2015 |
| Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]         | D · CA        |      | May 19, 2015 |
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]       | D · NM        |      | May 19, 2015 |
| Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]          | R · MS        |      | Jun 10, 2015 |
| Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]        | D · ND        |      | Jun 11, 2015 |
| Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]           | R · KS        |      | Jun 11, 2015 |
| Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]          | R · CO        |      | Jun 15, 2015 |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]     | D · CO        |      | Jun 16, 2015 |
| Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]      | D · WV        |      | Jun 18, 2015 |
| Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]      | R · IL        |      | Jun 22, 2015 |
| Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]          | D · HI        |      | Jun 23, 2015 |
| Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]         | D · WI        |      | Jun 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]  | D · PA        |      | Jul 8, 2015  |
| Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]           | R · ND        |      | Jul 27, 2015 |
| Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]          | R · NH        |      | Jul 30, 2015 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY        |      | Sep 21, 2015 |
| Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]          | R · AK        |      | Oct 6, 2015  |
| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]      | D · VT        |      | Nov 3, 2015  |
| Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]          | D · IN        |      | Nov 5, 2015  |
| Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]            | R · IA        |      | Nov 19, 2015 |
| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]        | D · WA        |      | Dec 1, 2015  |

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| Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD] | D · MD        |      | Dec 10, 2015 |
| Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]      | D · MI        |      | Feb 23, 2016 |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]     | D · HI        |      | Feb 24, 2016 |
| Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]         | R · OH        |      | Mar 3, 2016  |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]     | D · MI        |      | Apr 4, 2016  |
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]  | D · CT        |      | Apr 5, 2016  |
| Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]          | D · MT        |      | Apr 5, 2016  |
| Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]    | D · MO        |      | Apr 21, 2016 |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]        | D · WA        |      | Jun 23, 2016 |
| Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]        | R · MT        |      | Jun 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]      | R · ID        |      | Nov 15, 2016 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Finance Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Feb 26, 2015 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 114 S 3435  | Related bill   | Sep 28, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 114 HR 1342 | Identical bill | Mar 18, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.              |

## Summary (as of Feb 26, 2015)

### Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2015

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to revise conditions of and limitations on payment for home health care services.

Allows payment for home health services to Medicare beneficiaries by: (1) a nurse practitioner, (2) a clinical nurse specialist working in collaboration with a physician in accordance with state law, (3) a certified nurse-midwife, or (4) a physician assistant under a physician's supervision.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 26, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
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