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Rural Access to Hospice Act of 2016

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jul 14, 2016
Rep. Ashford, Brad [D-NE-2]	D · NE		Jul 25, 2016
Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jul 25, 2016
Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Sep 26, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 29, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3435	Related bill	Sep 28, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
114 S 2786	Identical bill	Apr 13, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to allow payment under Medicare for certain services furnished to hospice patients by rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs).

With respect to a patient who elects to receive hospice care under Medicare, current law generally limits payment for services that are either duplicative of such care or related to the treatment of the individual's terminal illness. However, current law exempts from this limitation: (1) physicians' services furnished by the individual's attending physician, if not an employee of the hospice program; and (2) services provided or arranged by the hospice program.

The bill expands this exemption with regard to rural health clinic and FQHC services. Specifically, the Medicare payment limitation shall not apply to such services that: (1) would otherwise be physicians' services if furnished by an individual unaffiliated with a rural health clinic or FQHC; and (2) are either arranged by the hospice program or furnished by the individual's attending physician, if not an employee of the hospice program.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 29, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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- **Jul 14, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.