

## S 607

### Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Extension Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 27, 2015

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 5, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/607>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 3, 2015
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 3, 2015
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 26, 2015
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 16, 2015
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Apr 27, 2015
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Apr 30, 2015
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		May 5, 2015
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		May 6, 2015
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		May 7, 2015
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		May 21, 2015
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 15, 2015
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 25, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 30, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 34	Related bill	<b>Dec 13, 2016:</b> Became Public Law No: 114-255.
114 HR 5273	Related bill	<b>Jun 8, 2016:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
114 HR 672	Identical bill	<b>Feb 12, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Jan 20, 2016)

### Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Extension Act of 2015

This bill amends the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, as amended by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, to extend the period of the Medicare rural community hospital demonstration program from 5 to 10 years.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall allow certain rural community hospitals participating in the demonstration program as of December 30, 2014, to continue during the second five years of the 10-year extension period.

HHS shall solicit applications to select up to the maximum number of additional rural community hospitals located in any state to participate in this demonstration program for the second five years of the ten-year extension period without exceeding the applicable limitation (30).

In determining which applicant rural community hospitals to select for participation in the demonstration program, HHS:

- shall give priority to hospitals located in one of the 20 states with the lowest population densities; and
- may consider closures of hospitals located in rural areas in the state in which the hospital is located during the 5-year period immediately preceding the enactment of this Act, as well as the population density of the state.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 5, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 25, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Jan 25, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
- **Jan 21, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jan 20, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S138-139; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S138)
- **Jan 20, 2016:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. (text of committee substitute as amended: CR S138-139)
- **Jan 20, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jan 20, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 30, 2015:** Committee on Finance. Reported by Senator Hatch with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 114-102.
- **Jul 30, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 181.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 27, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 27, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.