

## S 1291

### Advancing Medical Resident Training in Community Hospitals Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 6, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 6, 2017
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Jun 6, 2017
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Jun 6, 2017
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Jun 6, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 6, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3305	Related bill	Jul 31, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 6056	Related bill	Jun 14, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 HR 4552	Identical bill	Dec 8, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 HR 284	Related bill	Jan 25, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Advancing Medical Resident Training in Community Hospitals Act of 2017**

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to revise payment rules for graduate medical education (GME) costs with respect to a hospital that establishes a new medical residency training program.

With respect to a hospital that has not entered into a GME affiliation agreement, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) shall establish the hospital's full-time equivalent (FTE) resident amount only after determining that the hospital's medical residency training program trains more than 1.0 FTE resident in a cost reporting period. In the case of a hospital with an approved FTE resident amount based on the training of no more than 1.0 FTE resident in a cost reporting period before October 1, 1997, or 3.0 FTE residents in a cost reporting period after that date, CMS shall provide the hospital an opportunity to have its FTE resident amount reestablished when the hospital begins training FTE residents in excess of the applicable threshold.

Current law limits the number, subject to the application of certain adjustments, of FTE residents a hospital may have in allopathic and osteopathic medicine for purposes of Medicare payment. The bill specifies that CMS shall determine a hospital's limitation adjustment only after determining that the hospital's medical residency training program trains more than 1.0 FTE residents in a cost reporting period. In the case of a hospital with a limitation adjustment based on the training of no more than 1.0 FTE resident in a cost reporting period before October 1, 1997, or 3.0 FTE residents in a cost reporting period after that date, CMS shall provide the hospital an opportunity to have its adjustment re-determined when the hospital begins training FTE residents in excess of the applicable threshold.

### **Actions Timeline**

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