

HR 5498

Rural Hospital Frontier Fairness Act

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Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Apr 18, 2018)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 12, 2018
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 18, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Rural Hospital Frontier Fairness Act

This bill alters the Medicare prospective payment system for inpatient hospital services furnished at sole community hospitals (i.e., rural hospitals or hospitals that are the sole source of inpatient care in a certain geographic area). Specifically, the bill applies a minimum area wage adjustment to payments to sole community hospitals that are located up to 75 miles from the closest frontier (i.e., predominantly rural) state. Currently, the minimum area wage adjustment applies only to hospitals in frontier states.

The bill also amends the Public Health Service Act to allow such sole community hospitals to participate in the 340B drug pricing program (i.e., a program that allows entities to receive covered outpatient drugs at reduced prices from manufacturers).

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 18, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 12, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 12, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.

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