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Rural Health Clinic Modernization Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 4, 2019
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 10, 2019
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		May 7, 2019
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Sep 24, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Oct 15, 2019
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 4, 2019

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2788	Identical bill	May 17, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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This bill makes a series of changes to criteria, requirements, and payments for rural health clinics under Medicare.

Among other things, the bill (1) allows rural health clinics that are not directed by physicians to enter into arrangements with physician assistants or nurse practitioners that generally comply with state laws (regarding scope of practice), rather than other specific requirements; (2) allows rural health clinics to serve as the distant site for purposes of telehealth services; and (3) beginning in 2020, increases the maximum payment rate per visit for rural health clinics.

Actions Timeline

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