

HR 1323

Rural Hospital Frontier Fairness Act

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Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 26, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Feb 22, 2019
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Apr 15, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 26, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 22, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5103	Related bill	Nov 14, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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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 allows 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

- **Feb 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 22, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 22, 2019:** 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.
- **Feb 22, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.