

HR 2788

Rural Health Clinic Modernization Act of 2019

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Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** NE • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (33 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Loebssack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		May 16, 2019
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		May 16, 2019
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		May 16, 2019
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jun 4, 2019
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Jun 4, 2019
Rep. Watkins, Steve [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Jun 4, 2019
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Jun 27, 2019
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jul 11, 2019
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Jul 11, 2019
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Jul 23, 2019
Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Jul 23, 2019
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Aug 20, 2019
Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Sep 20, 2019
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Oct 1, 2019
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Oct 8, 2019
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Oct 18, 2019
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Oct 29, 2019
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Dec 4, 2019
Rep. Horn, Kendra S. [D-OK-5]	D · OK		Dec 5, 2019
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Jan 3, 2020
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Jan 17, 2020
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Mar 4, 2020
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		May 15, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 17, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 16, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1037	Identical bill	Apr 4, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of May 16, 2019)

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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

- **May 17, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 16, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 16, 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.