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Immediate Relief for Rural Facilities and Providers Act of 2020

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (26 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 21, 2020
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Mar 21, 2020
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 21, 2020
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Mar 21, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 21, 2020
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 22, 2020
Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]	R · GA		Mar 22, 2020
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 22, 2020
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 22, 2020
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 23, 2020
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Mar 23, 2020
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Mar 23, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 23, 2020
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 23, 2020
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 23, 2020
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Mar 23, 2020
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 23, 2020
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 24, 2020
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 24, 2020
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Mar 24, 2020
Sen. McCally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Mar 24, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 24, 2020
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 24, 2020
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 25, 2020
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		May 12, 2020
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 22, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 21, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6365	Identical bill	Mar 23, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Small Business, 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.

Immediate Relief for Rural Facilities and Providers Act of 2020

This bill establishes grant programs and other forms of financial assistance for health care providers in response to the national emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Specifically, the bill establishes (1) a grant program to provide emergency assistance to critical access hospitals, certain rural hospitals, and providers participating in Medicare; (2) a grant program to provide emergency assistance to health care practices and ambulatory surgery centers for staff salaries; and (3) a loan program to provide low-interest loans to health care practices and ambulatory surgery centers.

The bill also temporarily increases reimbursements to rural hospitals under the Medicare swing-bed program. (The program allows rural hospitals to use beds, as needed, for either acute care or skilled nursing facility care.)

Actions Timeline

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