

## S 586

Critical Access Hospital Relief Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 27, 2019

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 27, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/586>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 27, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Apr 11, 2019
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Aug 1, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 27, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1041	Identical bill	<b>Feb 7, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Critical Access Hospital Relief Act of 2019**

This bill repeals the 96-hour physician-certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services under Medicare. Under current law, as a condition for Medicare payment for such services, a physician must certify that a patient may reasonably be expected to be discharged or transferred to a hospital within 96 hours after admission to the critical access hospital.

## **Actions Timeline**

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