

## HR 6676

### COMMUNITIES Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 1, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (May 1, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6676>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]

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

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Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jul 30, 2020
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Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Aug 21, 2020
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Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Sep 22, 2020
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Sep 22, 2020
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Nov 5, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Nov 5, 2020
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Dec 18, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

**Creation of Opportunities for Medical Manpower in Underserved Neighborhoods by Indemnifying Tuition and Incentivizing Exceptional Service Act or the COMMUNITIES Act**

This bill increases the amount of student loan repayment available to eligible health care providers who agree to complete a five-year period of obligated service in a health professional shortage area. Specifically, for each year of service, the Department of Health and Human Services shall pay one-fifth of the total amount owed on a participating provider's qualifying student loans. Current law caps the maximum amount of student loan repayment that a provider may receive in exchange for such service.

**Actions Timeline**

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