

S 1574

Long-Term Care Pharmacy Definition Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (22 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		May 12, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 12, 2021
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		May 12, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 12, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 12, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 12, 2021
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 12, 2021
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Jun 21, 2021
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 28, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Aug 2, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Aug 5, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Aug 5, 2021
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Sep 14, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Oct 18, 2021
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Dec 2, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Dec 15, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Dec 15, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 10, 2022
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 2, 2022
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Feb 15, 2022
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Sep 8, 2022
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 21, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 12, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5632	Identical bill	Oct 20, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of May 12, 2021)

Long-Term Care Pharmacy Definition Act of 2021

This bill establishes a statutory definition for *long-term care pharmacy* under the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Currently, there is no statutory definition. Regulations from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) define a long-term care pharmacy as a pharmacy that is owned by or under contract with a long-term care facility to provide prescription drugs to the facility's residents. Additional requirements are set out in CMS guidance relating to the Medicare prescription drug benefit; pharmacies are also subject to regulations and guidance from other agencies (e.g., packaging requirements from the Food and Drug Administration).

The bill defines a long-term care pharmacy as a state-licensed pharmacy that is able to provide enhanced pharmacy and clinical services to individuals who have certain comorbid and medically complex chronic conditions and who reside in skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, or any other applicable setting (as determined by the CMS). The term *enhanced pharmacy and clinical services* includes medication dispensed in special packaging, drug utilization review, and 24-7 availability of medication delivery and on-call pharmacists.

Actions Timeline

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