

HR 1888

Improving Access to Indian Health Services Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]

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

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Mar 17, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		May 12, 2021
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		May 12, 2021
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		May 20, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 20, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 25, 2021
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 4, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4486	Related bill	Jun 23, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill permanently extends certain Medicaid flexibilities relating to Indian health care providers.

Specifically, the bill permanently expands coverage to include clinical services that are furnished outside of a clinic by an Indian Health Service (IHS) facility, a tribe or tribal organization, or an Urban Indian Organization (UIO). Current guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services allows IHS and tribal facilities to receive payment for clinical services provided outside of clinics through October 31, 2021; facilities are expected to work with their state Medicaid programs to transition to other, more permanent payment options for these services.

The bill also permanently establishes a 100% federal matching rate, also known as the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), for UIO services. Current law provides a 100% FMAP for UIO services during the eight fiscal quarters after March 11, 2021.

Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 12, 2021:** Introduced in House
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