

## S 1893

### Rural Physician Workforce Production Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 27, 2021)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

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

## Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		May 27, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 10, 2021
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Jun 22, 2021
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 22, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 29, 2021
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Oct 19, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Oct 19, 2021
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Oct 26, 2021
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Dec 14, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 1, 2022
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Sep 28, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 27, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8508	Related bill	Jul 26, 2022: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.

## Rural Physician Workforce Production Act of 2021

This bill allows certain hospitals to receive additional payment under Medicare for full-time equivalent residents who receive training in rural areas.

Specifically, hospitals, critical access hospitals, sole community hospitals, and rural emergency hospitals may elect to receive payment for time spent by a resident in a rural training location if the resident trains for at least eight weeks in the location and the hospital pays the salary and benefits of the resident during this time. Additionally, hospitals may receive payment for all time spent by residents in a residency program in which 50% of all training is in rural locations, regardless of where the training occurs or specialty.

Payments are based on the difference between the total amount of eligible payments (as determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) and the amount of graduate medical education payments received (if applicable).

### **Actions Timeline**

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