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Increasing Access to Quality Cardiac Rehabilitation Care Act of 2021

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jun 9, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | Jun 9, 2021 |
| Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS] | R · MS | | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI] | D · MI | | Aug 4, 2021 |
| Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA] | D · GA | | Sep 23, 2021 |
| Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS] | R · MS | | Oct 5, 2021 |
| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK] | R · AK | | Oct 6, 2021 |
| Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR] | R · AR | | Oct 19, 2021 |
| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME] | R · ME | | Oct 20, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Finance Committee | Senate | Referred To | Jun 9, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 5212 | Related bill | Dec 8, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 117 HR 8812 | Related bill | Sep 14, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |
| 117 HR 1956 | Identical bill | Mar 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

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This bill accelerates and expands certain changes that are scheduled to take effect relating to the coverage of cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs under Medicare.

Currently, such programs require physician supervision. Effective January 1, 2024, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists may also supervise these programs. The bill expedites the effective date of these changes to January 1, 2022, and also allows these practitioners to administer programs in their offices, prepare and sign treatment plans, and prescribe exercise.

Actions Timeline

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