

## S 2037

### Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services 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. (Jun 10, 2021)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]

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

## Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 10, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 10, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 10, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 10, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 10, 2021
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 23, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 26, 2022
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		May 19, 2022
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 15, 2022
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 20, 2022
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 14, 2022
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 1, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 10, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2454	Identical bill	Apr 13, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act of 2021**

This bill modifies Medicare payment of ground ambulance services in rural areas.

Specifically, the bill extends the specialized rate increase for such services for an additional five years (until January 1, 2028). The bill also requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to (1) allow an area that has 1,000 or fewer individuals per square mile to retain its status as a rural area even if it would otherwise no longer qualify, and (2) establish an appeals process for providers to seek reconsideration of a change in an area's status.

### **Actions Timeline**

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