

S 2037

Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act of 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 |
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| Finance Committee | Senate | Referred To | Jun 10, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

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

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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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