

## HR 4285

### COMMUNITIES Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 30, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 1, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4285>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jun 30, 2021
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Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 19, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 1, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

**Creation of Opportunities for Medical Manpower in Underserved Neighborhoods by Indemnifying Tuition and Incentivizing Exceptional Service Act or the COMMUNITIES Act**

This bill increases the amount of student loan repayment available to eligible health care providers who agree to complete a five-year period of obligated service in a health professional shortage area. Specifically, for each year of service, the Department of Health and Human Services shall pay one-fifth of the total amount owed on a participating provider's qualifying student loans. Current law caps the maximum amount of student loan repayment that a provider may receive in exchange for such service.

**Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 1, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 30, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 30, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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