

HR 5660

Fairness for Rural Medicare Beneficiaries Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Oct 21, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Oct 22, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5660>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]

Party: Republican • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Nov 1, 2021
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Nov 1, 2021
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Dec 2, 2021
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Dec 2, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Dec 8, 2021
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Dec 8, 2021
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Dec 13, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jan 20, 2022
Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Feb 1, 2022
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Feb 3, 2022
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jul 13, 2022
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Dec 6, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 22, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 21, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 21, 2021)

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This bill modifies the payment methodology and coinsurance amount for outpatient critical access hospital services under Medicare.

Currently, the payment rate for such services is 101% of reasonable costs; the coinsurance amount for such services is 20% of the applicable charges. The bill modifies this methodology so as to base the 20% coinsurance amount on the fee schedule under the Medicare outpatient prospective payment system.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 22, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 21, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 21, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.
- **Oct 21, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.