

HR 538

Critical Access Hospital Relief Act of 2025

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jan 16, 2025

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Jan 16, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Oct 24, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 16, 2025)

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This bill repeals the 96-hour physician-certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services under Medicare. Under current law, as a condition for Medicare payment for such services, a physician must certify that a patient may reasonably be expected to be discharged or transferred to a hospital within 96 hours after admission to the critical access hospital.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 16, 2025:** Introduced in House
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