

## HR 538

Critical Access Hospital Relief Act of 2025

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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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)

#### Critical Access Hospital Relief Act of 2025

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.



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