

**Isakson Amendment #1 to S. 607 – The Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Extension Act of 2015**

Short Title: To expand eligibility for participation in the program.

Description of Amendment: Under current law, a rural hospital must be located in one of the 20 states with the lowest population density in order to participate in the demonstration. The amendment would eliminate this requirement for rural hospitals applying to participate in the next 5-year extension of the demonstration. The amendment would not alter the cap on the total number of hospitals in the demonstration.

**Isakson Amendment #2 to S. 607 – The Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Extension Act of 2015**

Short Title: To provide for additional factors in determining participation in the program.

Description of Amendment: Under current law, a rural hospital must be located in one of the 20 states with the lowest population density in order to participate in the demonstration. The amendment would allow the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to consider the prevalence of recent rural hospital closures, in addition to population density, in selecting the states to participate in the 5-year extension of the demonstration.

**Toomey Amendment #1** to S. 607 The Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Extension Act of 2015

**Short Title:** to save good-paying American jobs and encourage life-saving innovation by repealing the medical device tax

**Description of Amendment:**

to repeal the 2.3% excise tax on medical devices in the Affordable Care Act.

Menendez Amendment #1 to S. 313, the Prevent Interruptions  
in Physical Therapy Act of 2015, as modified

Short Title: Protecting Beneficiaries in Underserved Areas

Cosponsor: Senator Carper

Description of Amendment: This amendment would make the bill's *locum tenes* policy applicable to physical therapists, physical therapy practices and Medicare beneficiaries located in HRSA-designated health professions shortage areas (HPSAs) and medically-underserved areas (MUAs) in all states.