

HR 1940

Medicare Telehealth Validation Act of 2003

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Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	D · VA		Jun 5, 2003
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 9, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 14, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Medicare Telehealth Validation Act of 2003 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act regarding telehealth services (services furnished via a telecommunication system by a physician to an enrolled individual) to: (1) remove current geographic restrictions on the provision of such services; (2) make eligible for such services an entity that participates in a Federal telemedicine demonstration project approved by or financed through the Secretary of Health and Human Services as of December 31, 2000; (3) add to the facilities authorized to participate in the telehealth program; and (4) direct the Secretary to encourage and facilitate multistate practitioner licensure across State lines to facilitate the program.

Directs the Secretary to make grants for expanding access to health care services for individuals in rural areas, frontier areas, and medically underserved areas through the use of telehealth.

Requires the Joint Working Group on Telemedicine to ensure that individuals representing the interests of rural and medically underserved areas are members of the Group.

Actions Timeline

- **May 14, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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- **May 1, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **May 1, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E853-854)
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