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Medicare Telehealth Enhancement Act of 2005

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]

Party: Republican • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 24, 2005

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 2807	Related bill	Jun 17, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Oct 24, 2005)

Medicare Telehealth Enhancement Act of 2005 - 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) add to the kinds of facilities authorized to participate in the telehealth program; (3) provide for the expansion of use of store-and-forward technology; (4) add new kinds of practitioners eligible to furnish telehealth services; (5) extend the meaning of covered telehealth services to any professional service meeting certain requirements; and (6) direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to facilitate adoption of provisions allowing for multistate practitioner licensure across state lines.

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

Amends the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize telehealth network and telehealth resource centers grant programs.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 24, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 24, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11769-11770)
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