

HR 3588

Medicare Home Health Telehealth Access Act of 2005

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Sep 14, 2005
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Sep 20, 2005
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Sep 20, 2005
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Sep 20, 2005
Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Sep 28, 2005
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Mar 28, 2006
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Mar 28, 2006
Rep. Hayworth, J. D. [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		May 23, 2006
Rep. Kuhl, John R. "Randy", Jr. [R-NY-29]	R · NY		May 23, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 5, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 4, 2005

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2282	Identical bill	Feb 14, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Medicare Home Health Telehealth Access Act of 2005 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to revise the current requirements for Medicare coverage of telehealth services under the prospective payment system.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to treat as a home health visit any telehealth services furnished by a home health agency via a telecommunication system to an individual receiving home health services, if the telehealth services: (1) are ordered as part of a plan of care certified by a physician; (2) (as under current law) do not substitute for in-person home health services ordered as part of a plan of care certified by a physician; and (3) are considered the equivalent of a visit under criteria developed by the Secretary.

Directs the Secretary to initiate and carry out projects in a variety of geographic locations that provide incentives to home health agencies to utilize home monitoring and communications technologies that will: (1) enhance health outcomes for individuals enrolled under Medicare parts A and B; and (2) reduce part A and B program expenditures for institutional and other providers, practitioners, and suppliers of health care items and services.

Authorizes the Secretary to pay incentive payments to each home health agency participating in a pilot project.

Provides that, if the Secretary determines that any of the pilot projects results in decreased federal Medicare expenditures, and maintains or enhances health outcomes for the participating beneficiaries, the Secretary may initiate or extend comparable projects in additional areas.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Oct 20, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H9018-9019)
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