

## HR 2508

BREATHE Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 2, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 3, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/2508>

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Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Nov 21, 2019
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 3, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 2, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of May 2, 2019)

### Better Respiration through Expanding Access to Tele-Health Act or the BREATHE Act

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to establish a pilot program in which qualifying respiratory therapists may provide telehealth services under Medicare. Specifically, the program must allow respiratory therapists to provide telehealth disease management services (e.g., smoking cessation counseling) for individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 2, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 2, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.