

## S 3517

### ACCESS Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 18, 2020
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		May 5, 2020
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Aug 5, 2020
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 24, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 24, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 24, 2020
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 24, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 24, 2020
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 30, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 18, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6487	Related bill	Apr 14, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Advancing Connectivity during the Coronavirus to Ensure Support for Seniors Act or the ACCESS Act**

This bill (1) provides appropriations for the Telehealth Resource Center Program of the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth within the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy in the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) to develop telehealth capacity for certain nursing facilities, and (2) directs other activities to increase access to telehealth services in such facilities during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency.

HRSA shall award grants, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), to skilled nursing facilities and other nursing facilities to support virtual visits to residents during the emergency. The FCC shall waive requirements that apply to certain funding for telecommunication and broadband services for health care providers if those requirements prevent facilities that receive grants from carrying them out.

The Department of Health and Human Services must also provide recommendations related to immediately increasing access, during the emergency, to telehealth services for which Medicare and Medicaid payments are available in skilled and other nursing facilities.

### **Actions Timeline**

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