

## S 3998

### Improving Telehealth for Underserved Communities Act of 2020

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jun 18, 2020)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]

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

## Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jun 18, 2020
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 20, 2020
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 23, 2020
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jul 27, 2020
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 30, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 24, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Dec 11, 2020

## Committee Activity

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

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Improving Telehealth for Underserved Communities Act of 2020**

This bill establishes a particular Medicare payment methodology for telehealth services furnished by federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). Specifically, the bill requires payments to be made in accordance with the same methodology that is used for non-telehealth services, rather than in accordance with a separate methodology determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

### **Actions Timeline**

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